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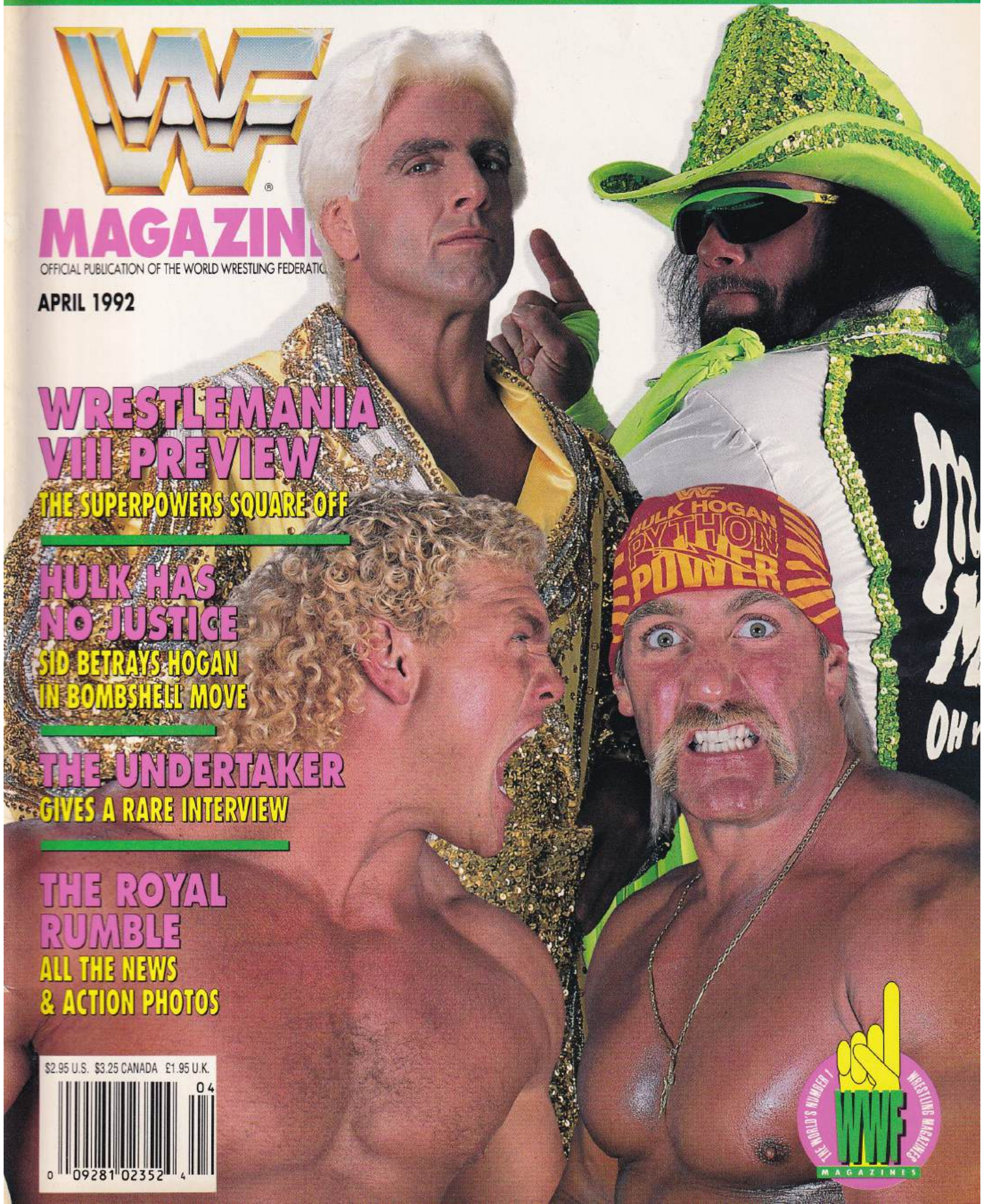

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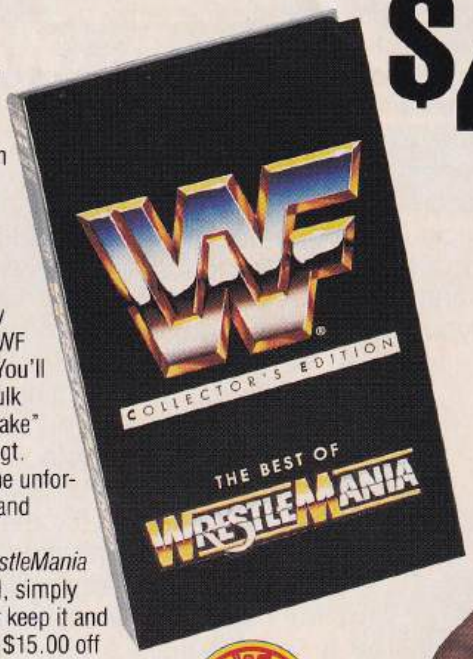

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AROUND THE RING

By Ed Ricciuti

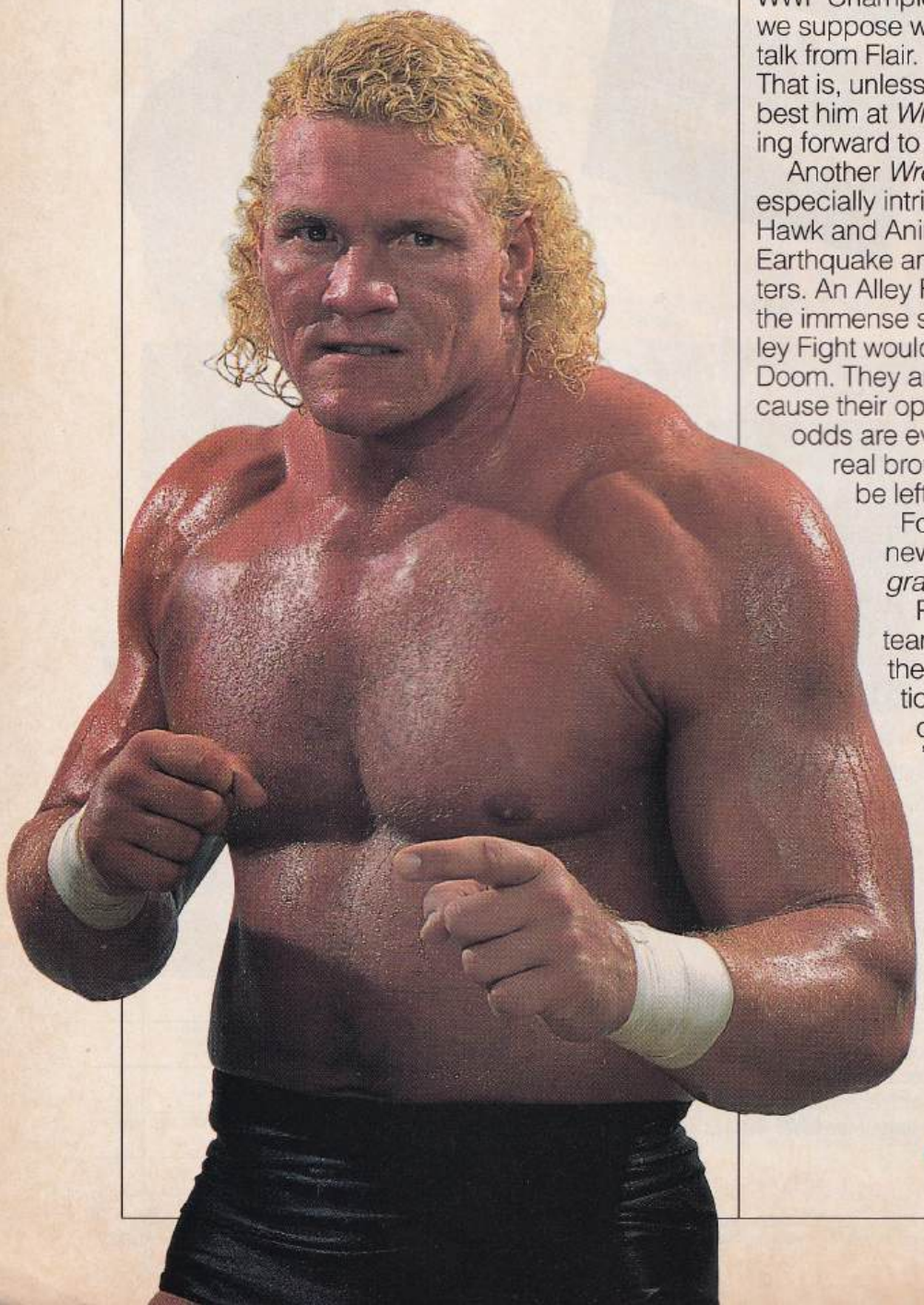
As you no doubt know, *WrestleMania VIII* is just around the corner. In this issue, we feature articles that preview matches scheduled for *WrestleMania VIII* and discuss their long-term significance. We also describe the astonishing turn of events that saw Sid Justice, who since coming to the World Wrestling Federation has professed to have solid values, turn viciously on Hulk Hogan, who had been his friend. Justice had us all conned with that farm-boy and respect-for-the-land bunco. Shame on you, Sid Justice. Anyway, now you've got to face Hulk Hogan at *WrestleMania VIII*. And he isn't exactly brimming over with good feelings for you. Sid, you may have big trouble on your hands.

Speaking of cons, we've got to admit that Ric Flair's bragging about being the "real world's champion" was not one. Like it or not, he acquitted himself wondrously in the *Royal Rumble*, entering the ring third and remaining until he was the winner. No one has ever done anything like that before. It was only fitting that Flair won the WWF Championship because of this feat. Now we suppose we'll have to put up with all sorts of talk from Flair. The trouble is, he can back it up. That is, unless Macho Man Randy Savage can best him at *WrestleMania VIII*. We're really looking forward to the match.

Another *WrestleMania VIII* match that has us especially intrigued is the Alley Fight between Hawk and Animal of the Legion of Doom and Earthquake and Typhoon of the Natural Disasters. An Alley Fight has no rules. If it were not for the immense size of the Natural Disasters, an Alley Fight would favor the brawling Legion of Doom. They are natural street fighters. But, because their opponents are such behemoths, the odds are even in this one. It's going to be a real brouhaha. We wonder if anything will be left of the alley when it's over.

For the latest *WrestleMania VIII* news, look for the *WrestleMania Program* on sale April 2.

Recently, we asked you which tag team you thought would be the duo of the '90s. Now we have a similar question for you. Which singles wrestler do you think will be the star of the '90s? Let us know and we'll print as many replies as possible in a future issue of *WWF Magazine*. WF



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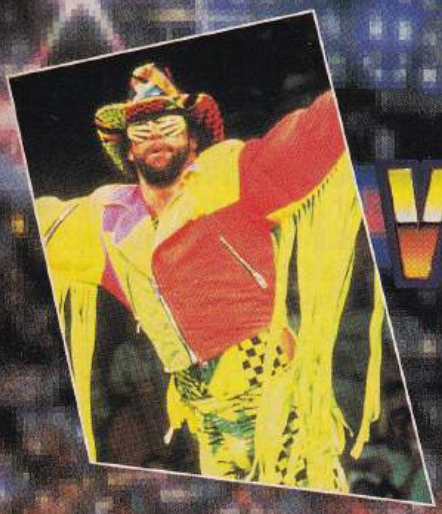

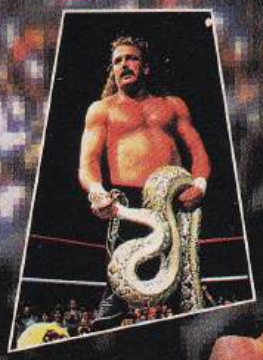

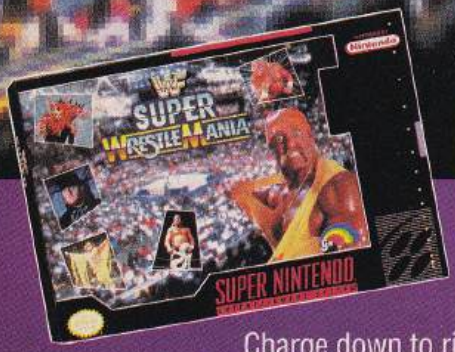

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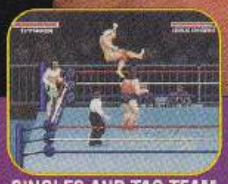

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In the February issue, we asked for your comments regarding the former WWF Tag Team Champions, the Legion of Doom. Many feel they will go down in the record books as the greatest tag team of the 1990s. Just as many feel otherwise. Here's what some of you had to say about the LOD and other WWF tandems, especially the New Foundation, the Rocket Owen Hart and Jim "The Anvil" Neidhart.

"I think that the New Foundation will be the best team of the '90s because of the Anvil's strength and Owen Hart's agility." Cedric Severino Patterson, North Liberty, Iowa.

"The real team of the '90s is the Legion of Doom. They have beaten a lot of tough teams. They are definitely the best! They are by far my favorite tag team!" Donald Krueger, Chicago, Illinois.

"Right now, LOD is the best. But if Warlord and Barbarian became a tag team, I might have second thoughts." Andy Gaustad, Seymour, Wisconsin.

"The tag team of the '90s will be the New Foundation now that the Rockers have split. I think by 1993 the New Foundation will become the WWF Tag Team Champions. The New Foundation has what it takes to be champs." Calvin Rybukowski, Middle River, Minnesota.

"I think the real tag team of the '90s is going to be the New Foundation. They're fast and strong." Aaron Jablonowski, Saline, Michigan.

"The top tag team of the '90s is the New Foundation. I think Owen Hart has the best technique overall. The New Foundation are the real 'Masters of Motion.'" Daniel Forchheimer, Plainview, New York.

"I would have to say the Natural Disasters. Jimmy [Hart] is great at interference, and his men, Earthquake and Typhoon, have size and speed." Brett Whalen, Davison, Michigan.

"I think that the real tag team of the future has to be the New Foundation. They have wit, power, quickness and work extremely well together." Susie Banks, Jackson, Kentucky.

"The New Foundation, Jim 'The Anvil' Neidhart and the Rocket Owen Hart, will be the tag team of the '90s. Owen's quickness and the Anvil's power are unbeatable." Christopher Beck, Sapulpa, Oklahoma.

"The Legion of Doom will be tops in the '90s. I predict that they won't lose the tag team belts to anybody—not even the Natural Disasters or the Nasty Boys." Bubba Vincelette, West Frankfort, Illinois.

"My prediction is that the Legion of Doom will stay as the team of the '90s. They're big, strong, fast and cool. The Natural Disasters are doomed!" Nate Peterson, Irving, Texas.

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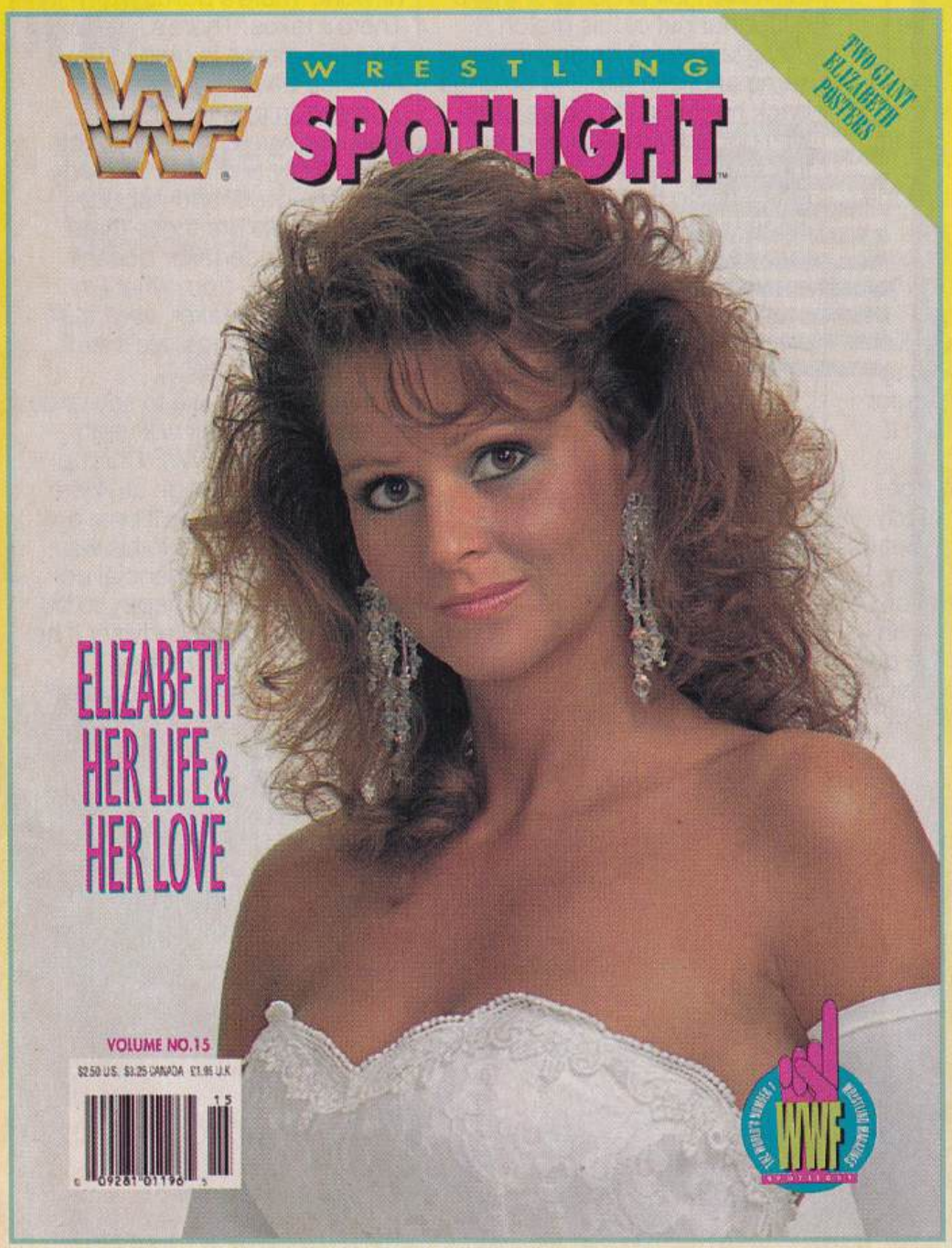

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ELIZABETH

BRAINSTORMS

By Bobby "The Brain" Heenan

Well, I hate to say I told you so, humanoids, but I told you so. Ric Flair is not only the real world's champion, but he's also the World Wrestling Federation Champion! You can't video-distort that belt, now can you, Tunney? If you want to distort something, distort Mike McGuirk's face. She needs all the help she can get.

It takes a good man to beat Virgil. But guess what? It won't take that good man long.

I understand that the Million Dollar Man has been making plans to tear down El Matador's old neighborhood and turn it into a state-of-the-art slum.

Right now, I want to go on the record and tell everybody that I am not on the take. But if you send something my way, I won't complain. Speaking of complaining, I expect Macho Man Randy Savage will be doing a lot of that after Ric Flair trashes him at *WrestleMania VIII*. Macho Man is no match for Flair. He'll savage Savage. If you want to know what I think, I think Ric Flair is going to make a laugher out of this match. Savage doesn't belong in the same ring with him. He belongs back home on the horse farm with his old lady, cleaning out the stable. And that's what Flair's going to do to him—clean up the ring with him and throw him out like a pile of you know what.

For the life of me, I can't figure out Sgt. Slaughter. I mean, everybody in this country's out of work. There's pollution. There's taxes. There's inflation. And this moron is glad to have America back.

Jamison and the Bushwhackers are a perfect trifecta: Larry, Curly and Moe. Nobody likes wiseguys, and nobody likes dirtballs like those three. Even the Undertaker doesn't like them. But, from what I'm told, the Undertaker won't stuff them in body bags. He'll stuff them in trash bags.

In closing, I'd like to say once again that Ric Flair will reign supreme as the WWF Champion. He'll beat Savage at *WrestleMania VIII*, and he'll beat anybody else who gets in his way. I'm glad to be his financial adviser. In fact, I'll be happy to be anybody's financial adviser if he gives me enough money, I mean, if we can cut a deal.

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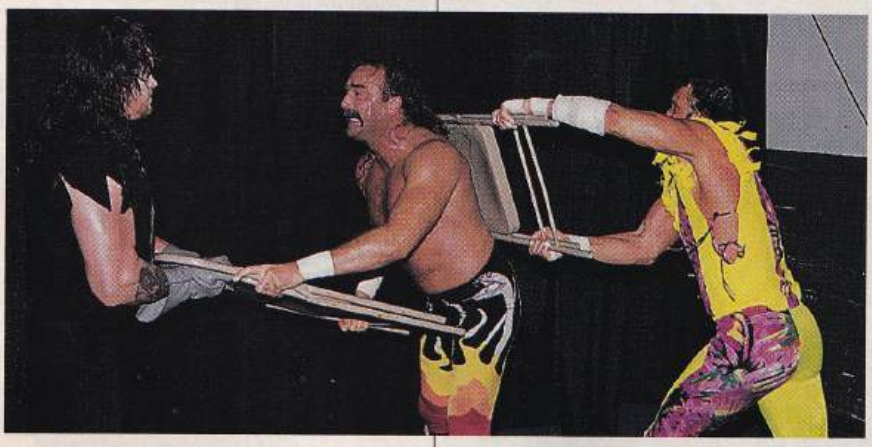
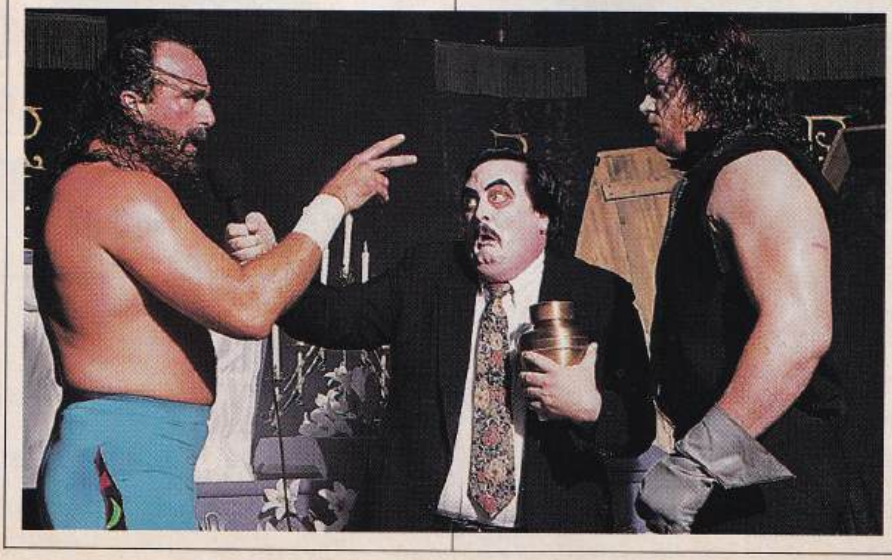




Jake "The Snake" Roberts, in an astonishing twist of fate, has turned on his old ally, the Undertaker. The falling-out between the two occurred on Paul Bearer's *Funeral Parlor* a week after the Undertaker saved Elizabeth and Macho Man Randy Savage from a deadly Snake ambush.

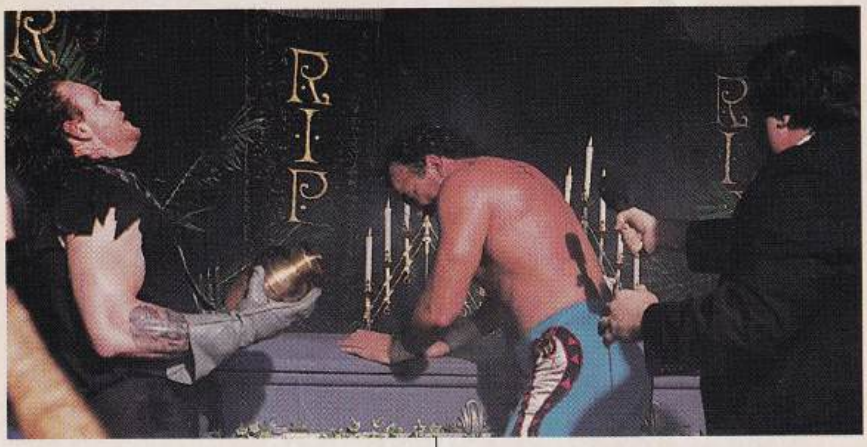
Savage, to his ultimate delight, had thoroughly beaten Jake in a televised match. After hearing the referee's decision, Jake stealthily crept back to the dressing room curtain and hid there with a chair in his hands, waiting for Randy and Elizabeth to come within range of his makeshift weapon.

"Come on, little girl, I've got something for you," Jake hissed as Elizabeth, ahead of Randy, was about to pass through the curtain. He never got to finish his treacherous deed. A mighty arm reached out from behind as the Undertaker seized the chair and held it fast. Meanwhile, Savage realized what was happening and, with another chair, beat Jake to a pulp.

The following week, on the *Parlor*, Jake faced the Undertaker in anger. The Snake demanded of the Undertaker, "Whose side are you on?"

With baleful eyes on Jake, the Undertaker's voice tolled the answer: "Not yours."

Enraged, calling the Undertaker a "freak," Jake grabbed the funeral urn from which the Undertaker seems to get his power and tried to lock it in a coffin. As the Undertaker reached for the urn, Jake slammed the coffin lid on his hand. The Undertaker's arm

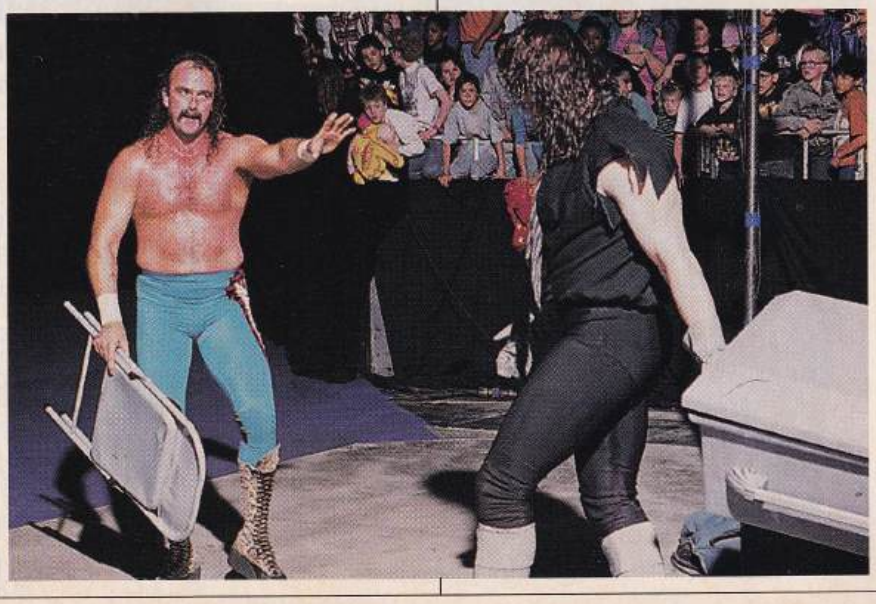


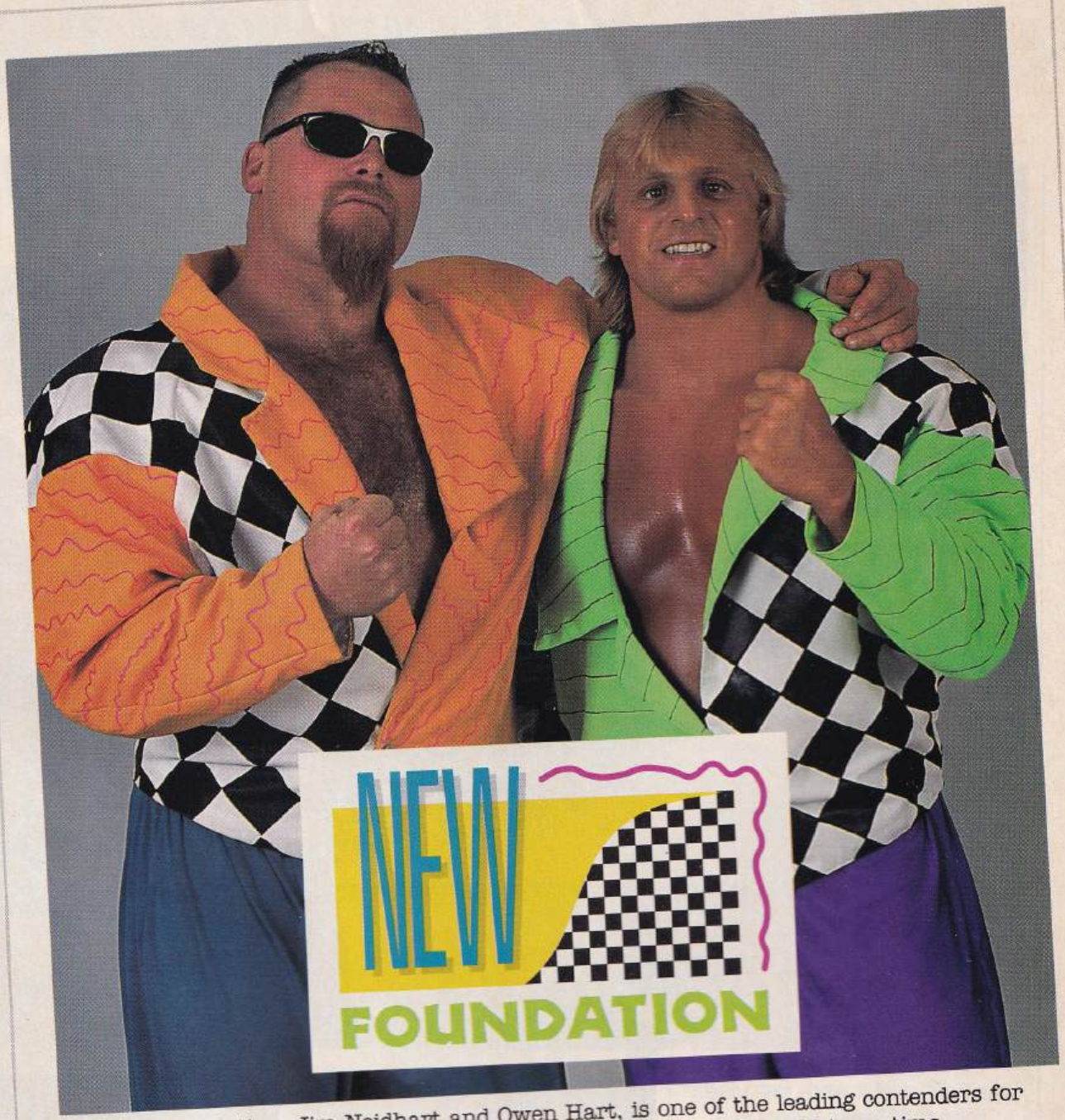
The Undertaker prevented Jake the Snake from cracking the Macho Man and Elizabeth with a steel chair after Saturday Night's Main Event. *A week later, the Snake confronted the Undertaker on* The Funeral Parlor *and jumped him and Paul Bearer. They are scheduled to wrestle one another at* WrestleMania VIII.

was held as if it were in a vise.

Then the Snake went on a rampage, DDTing Paul Bearer and pounding the trapped Undertaker. Jake went after the Undertaker like a devil. The WWF's Grim Reaper seemed not to feel the blizzard of blows. He kept his steely gaze on the Snake and, dragging the coffin after him, stalked toward Jake. Retreating, Jake kept swinging away until WWF officials broke up the free-for-all.

Nobody will break up the next melee between the Undertaker and the Snake scheduled for *WrestleMania VIII.* WF





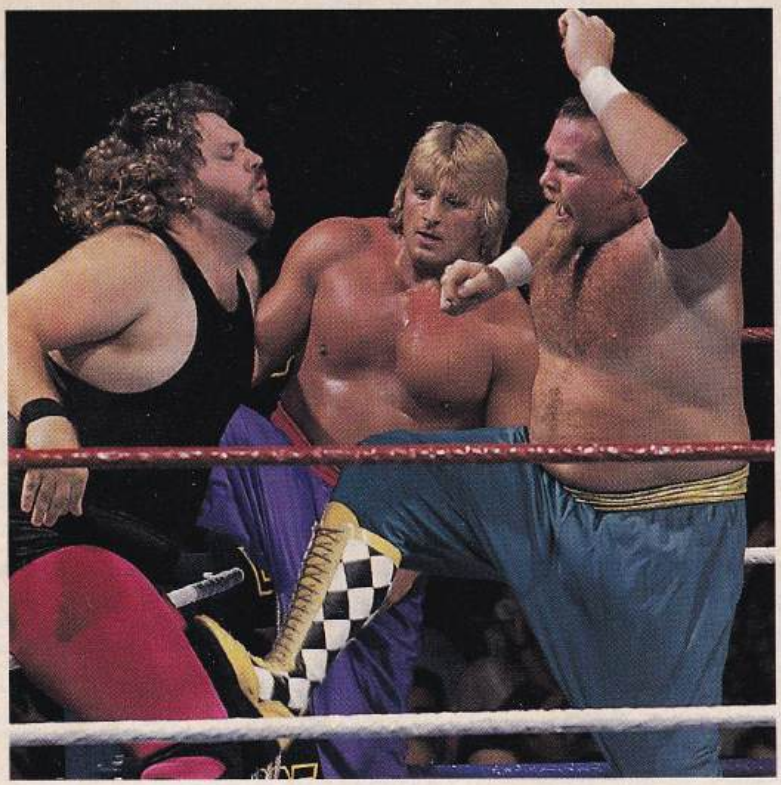
The New Foundation, Jim Neidhart and Owen Hart, is one of the leading contenders for the WWF Tag Team Title. Many people feel they will capture the gold in no time.

Our readers were asked in the *Around the Ring* section of our February issue of *WWF Magazine* which tag team they thought would dominate the WWF in the 1990s. An overwhelming majority of respondents said the New Foundation—the Rocket Owen Hart and Jim "The Anvil" Neidhart—would be the duo that would most likely rise to international prominence in the future.

The readers cited their reasons. Some said the Foundation's blend of aerial and scientific expertise and brawling skills are second to none. Others said their tenacity and competitiveness, in conjunction with their wrestling talents, could possibly take the New Foundation to the tag team championship in the WWF.

The Rocket and the Anvil realize their potential and are confident that they will make it to the top of the WWF tag team division in the near future.

"Since the Anvil and I joined forces, the New Foundation has been unstoppable," says the Rocket. "We have beaten every team that has stepped in our way. We've taken on the Beverly Brothers. We've taken on the Warlord and Barbarian. And, if the opportunity presents itself, we'll even take on the WWF Tag



The Foundation works smoothly as a team, using a combination of technical talent and brawling ability.

Team Champions, Money Inc. You tell 'em about it, Jim."

"You know, Rocket," Neidhart adds, "a few months ago we had a little bitsy problem with the Beverly Sisters. But our problems didn't stop there because we then had a little bitsy problem with Warlord and Barbarian. Well, we don't have any more problems; everybody else does. Because the New Foundation is gonna be the biggest problem for any team who gets in our faces!"

They have the potential to do so. Just watch them in the ring. As soon as the bell sounds, the Foundation initiates a blinding offensive. Usually, Owen dazzles the opposition with potent acrobatic maneuvers and scientific skills. These moves include flying crucifixes and twirling armlocks off the top ropes, to name a few.

From there, Neidhart enters the fray and blasts the competition with heavy artillery. He hammers them with jaw-jolting forearms and chops to the pectorals. The Anvil is relentless in his pursuit of victory. He staggers adversaries with crushing bodyslams and powerslams.

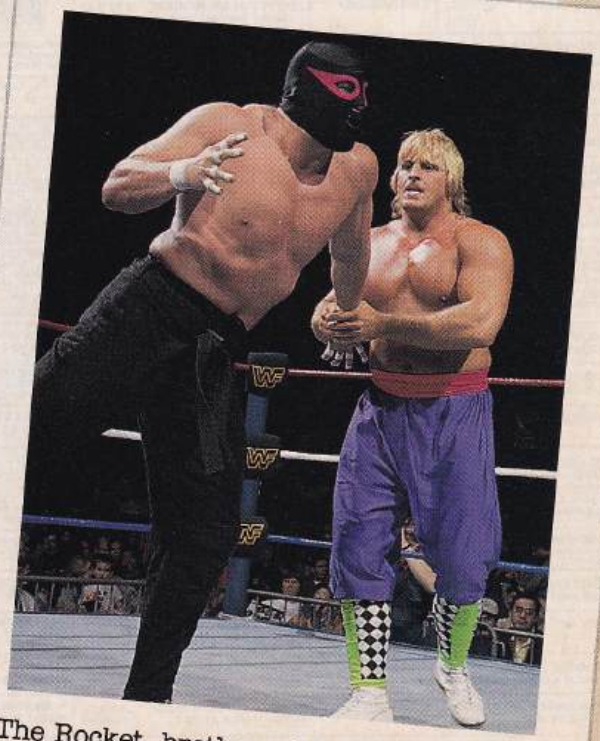
Then, after unleashing this barrage of punishment, the New Foundation goes for the jugular. Neidhart, upon realizing the opposition has absorbed enough punishment, hoists a wrestler over his shoulder and slams him onto the canvas. He then tags Owen, who runs to the opposite side of the ring and scales the top turnbuckle. Not wasting a moment, the Anvil grabs his partner and throws him halfway across the ring and onto the flattened opponent.

Some of the Foundation's fans call this awesome maneuver the Rocket Launcher. Owen and Neidhart have secured a slew of victories since they incorporated this move into their wrestling repertoire.

Many more triumphs, adds the Foundation, will follow in the World Wrestling Federation.

"That's right, baby, the New Foundation has been on a big-time roll since we got together," says the Anvil. "In my eyes and in the Rocket's eyes, there's not a team in the World Wrestling Federation that can stop us. We've got an open contract. That means we'll be more than happy to wrestle the Beverly Sisters, the Nasty Boys, Money Inc. or any other WWF tag team. Ready or not, baby, here comes the New Foundation!"

"The New Foundation won't take a back seat to any tag team in the World Wrestling Federation," the Rocket adds. "If any team wants any part of me and Jim, they know where to find us. We'll be waiting in the squared circle, and we'll be ready to wrestle. Yeah, it's true, a lot of our fans say we're going to be the tag team of the 1990s. Well, the 1990s have just gotten underway—and the same goes for the New Foundation!" WF



The Rocket, brother of Bret "Hit Man" Hart, is a multi-faceted athlete.

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A Talk With:

THE UNDERTAKER AND PAUL BEARER

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INTERVIEW

In just a few weeks, the Undertaker, who's currently one of the most popular athletes in the WWF, will meet his former ally, Jake the Snake, at *WrestleMania VIII* in Indianapolis, Indiana. The Undertaker's manager, Paul Bearer, says his protégé is "dying" to wrestle the Snake and will "slay" him at all costs. If the Undertaker can do so, adds the manager, he will prove he is perhaps the most invincible force ever to enter the World Wrestling Federation.

WWF Magazine caught up with the Undertaker and Paul Bearer while they were polishing up their *Funeral Parlor*. Here's what they had to say about the Snake and *WrestleMania VIII*.

WWF: At one time, Undertaker, you and Jake the Snake shared an evil alliance. Together, you terrorized many people, including the Macho Man and his wife, Elizabeth. Now you don't want any part of Jake Roberts. What's your reasoning?

Bearer: Our reasoning is simple. You see, Jake the Snake has proved that he's a man who can't be trusted. He has no friends, nor does he want any. As I once said, I've always had my suspicions about Jake the Snake. He's always been the type of man who lurks around a corner or hides under a bed. And when his victim least expects it, he strikes. Unfortunately for him, Jake Roberts won't get his chance to do any such thing when he meets my Undertaker at *WrestleMania VIII*.

WWF: What kind of strategy will the Undertaker use against the Snake? After all, he knows more about your protégé than anybody else in the WWF.

Bearer: Jake the Snake only knows what the Undertaker and I let him know. My Undertaker is a man who has many sides to him. He's a man who has never shown or expressed human emotions. He's a man who cannot be hurt. Jake the Snake has expressed emotions, and he can be hurt. He has been hurt by the likes of the Macho Man Randy

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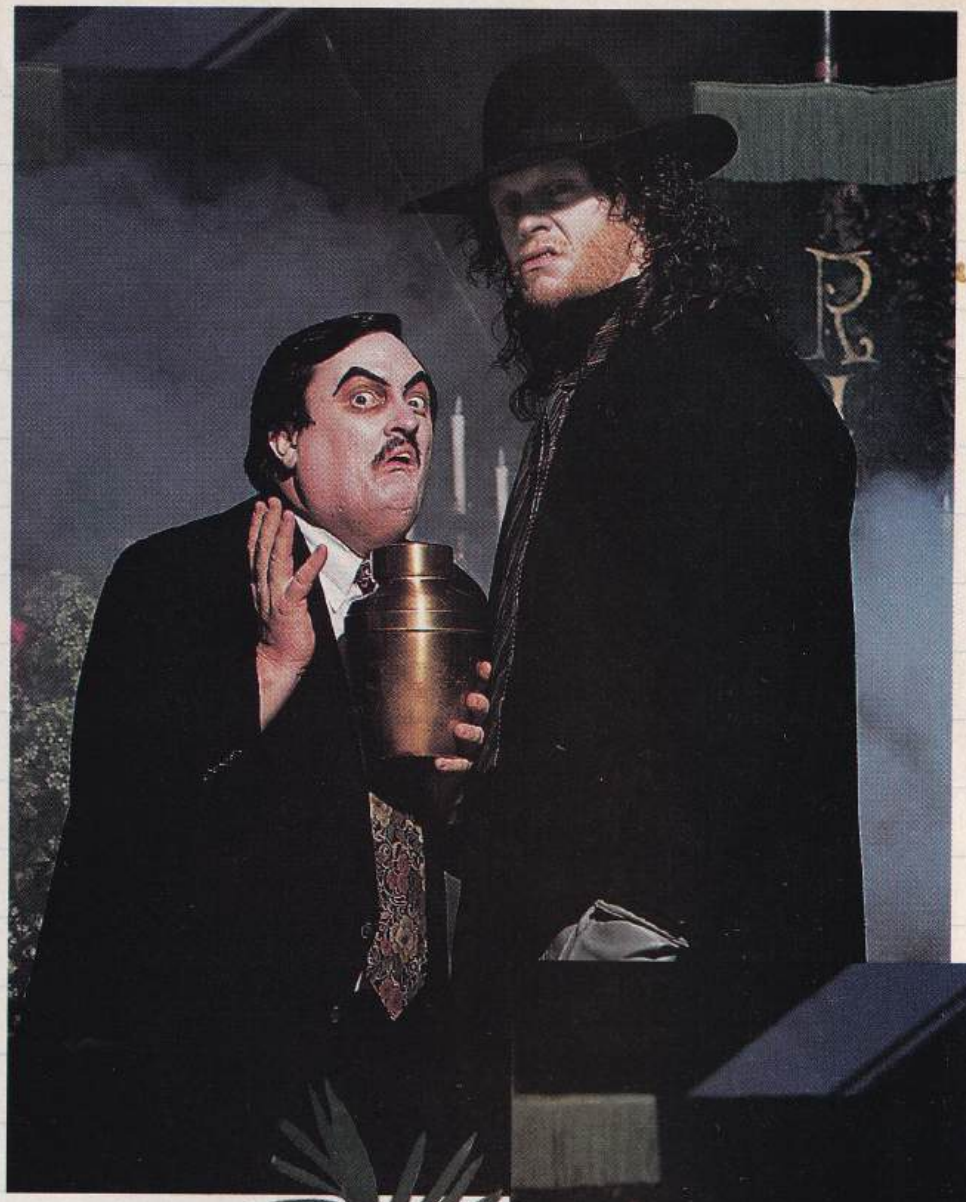
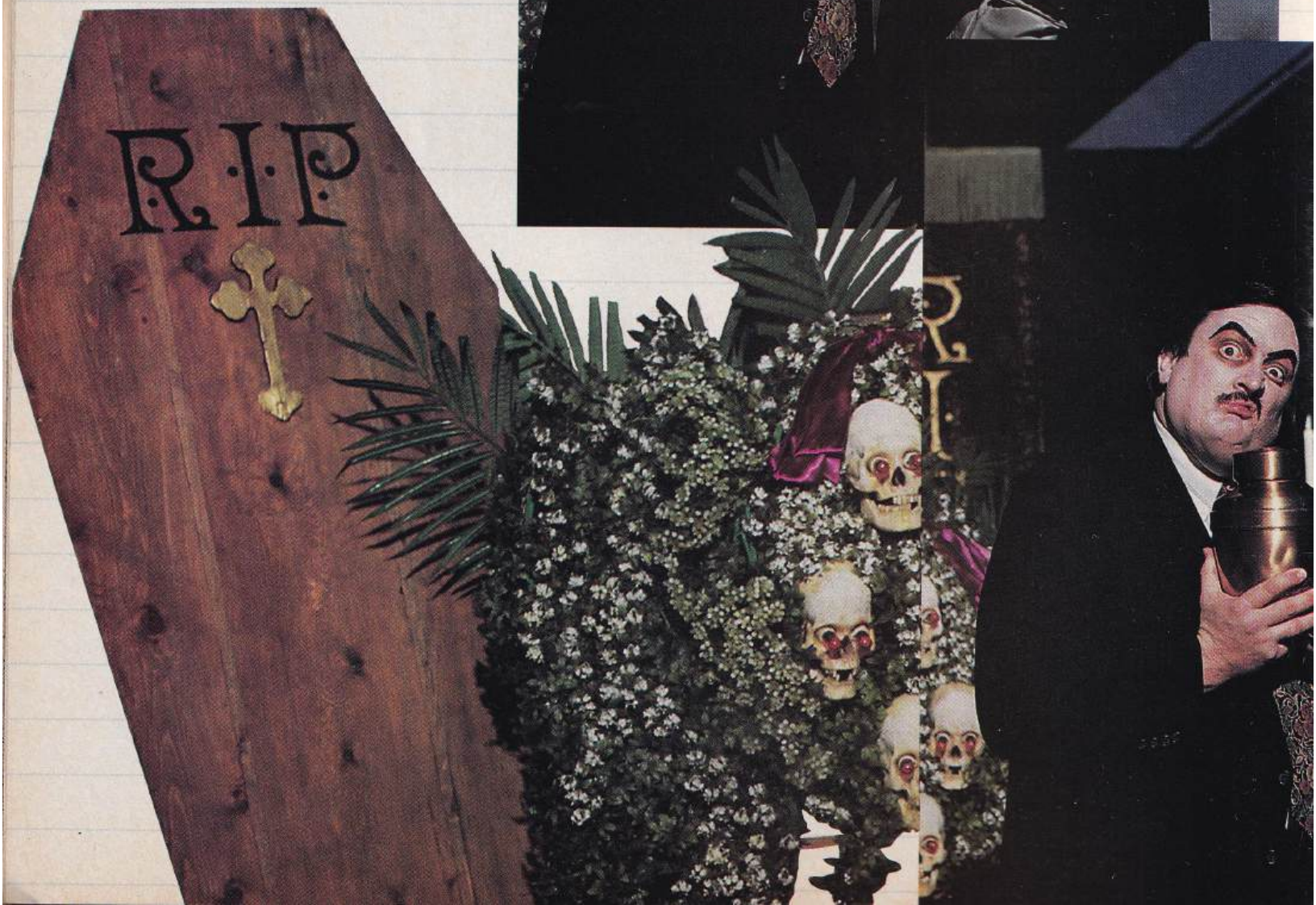
The Undertaker and Paul Bearer

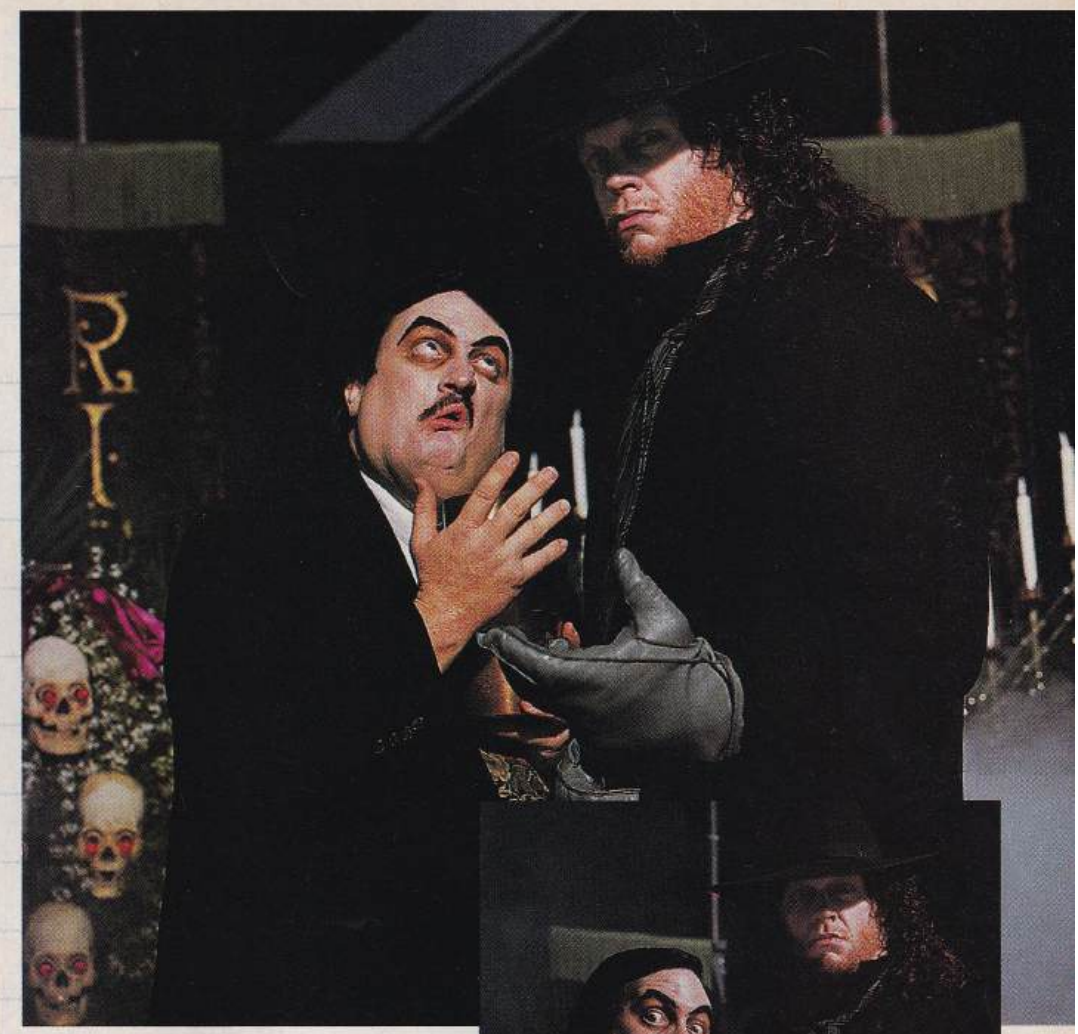


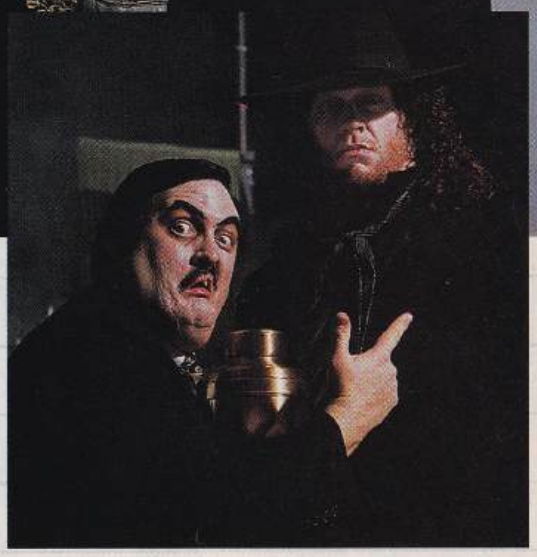
Savage. And now at *WrestleMania VIII* Jake the Snake will once again be hurt. That's right, he will once again come to terms with pain. Come to think of it, Jake Roberts may even come to terms with the end.

WWF: Many people would tend to concur. Jake Roberts has participated in many heinous acts since he turned his back on the fans last summer. He has deceived scores of wrestlers and



has punished them with his dreaded finishing maneuver, the DDT. How will the Undertaker avoid this devastating tactic?
Bearer: It's a feared hold, much like my Undertaker's Tombstone. It's been the cause of many injuries, much like my Undertaker's Tombstone. How will my Undertaker avoid this maneuver, you ask? That's quite simple. Jake the Snake won't be able to get him in it.
Undertaker: Jake Roberts, your DDT may have destroyed many men in the World Wrestling Federation, but I am unlike any man you have wrestled...
Bearer: Yes, Jake Roberts, yes. My Undertaker is unlike any man you have wrestled or will wrestle. In fact, my Undertaker just might be the last man you ever wrestle at *WrestleMania VIII*.
WWF: Undertaker, where do you plan to go after *WrestleMania*?
Bearer: Our plans haven't changed at all. We are still going to perform a mass burial in the



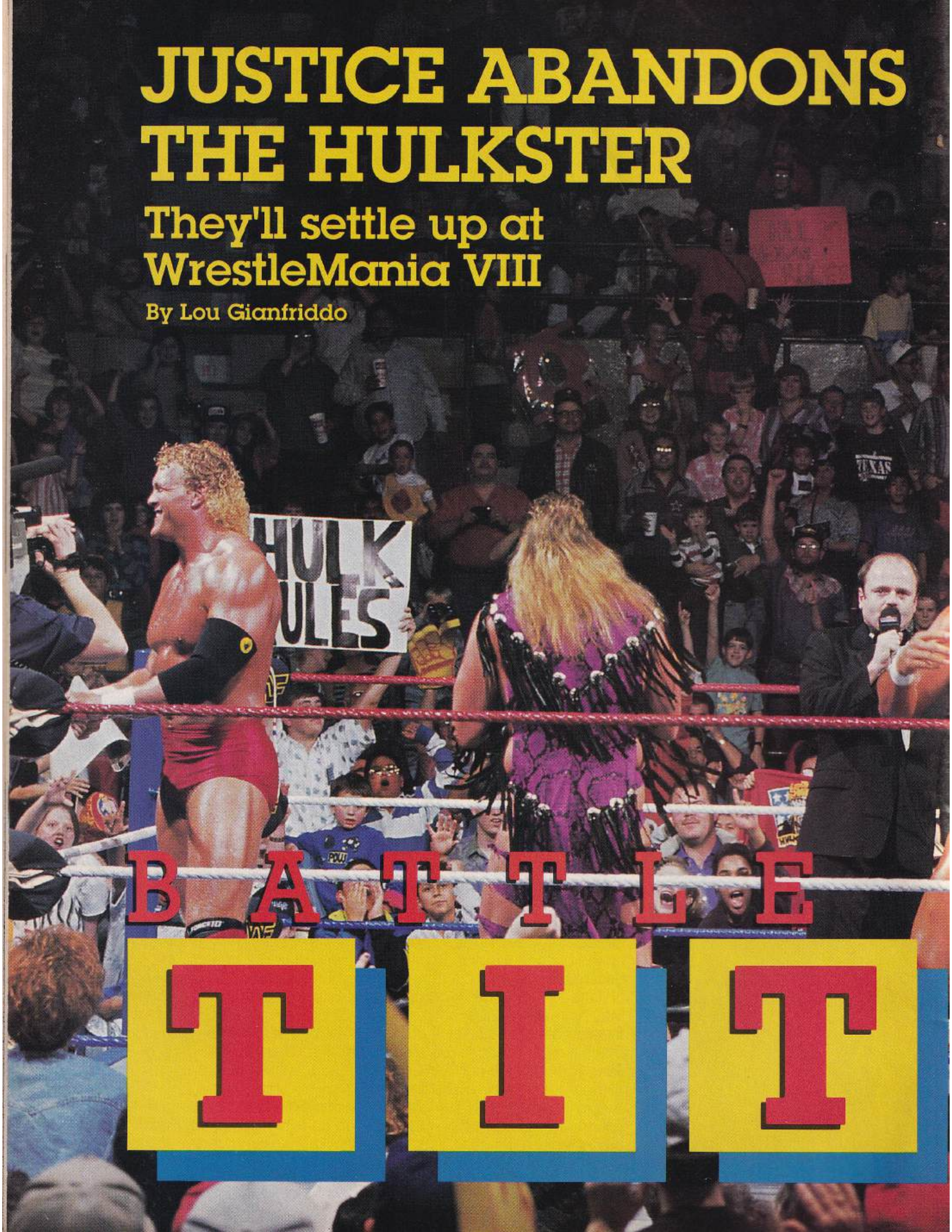


World Wrestling Federation. The first person on our list is Jake the Snake. But, for the life of me, I don't know who will be our next victim. Down the road, you might see my Undertaker face Ric Flair, the WWF Champion. Or maybe it will be Sid Justice. Or our next victim could be Papa Shango. He deals in the dark, but he doesn't know the dark. But *right now* is what's important. We have a plot that we have prepared for one Jake the Snake. We have selected the right coffin and headstone, and we are working on the epitaph. It will read...
Undertaker: Here lie the remains of Jake "The Snake" Roberts. May he rest in peace.
Bearer: That is absolutely right, may he rest in peace. You see, Jake Roberts, you can fool some of the people some of the time. But when you're trying to fool your maker, you become the biggest fool of them all.
WWF: We understand that you have a special message you would like to share with our readers regarding *WrestleMania VIII*.
Bearer: That's right. You see, millions of people around the world will be watching my Undertaker lower Jake Roberts into the ground. They will be watching on pay-per-view television, and they will be having *WrestleMania* parties. Well, if you have plans to attend a *WrestleMania* party on April 5, make sure you don't drink and drive because...
Undertaker: You don't want to end up here in *The Funeral Parlor*...
WWF: Thank you very much for your time, gentlemen. WF

JUSTICE ABANDONS THE HULKSTER

They'll settle up at WrestleMania VIII

By Lou Gianfriddo



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Sid Justice promised everyone that he would be the Hulkster's truest friend hours before they were scheduled to meet WWF Champion Ric Flair and the Undertaker on *Saturday Night's Main Event* last month. Sid broke his promise and showed his true colors when he abandoned the Hulkster in his time of need.

It was clear even before they entered the *Saturday Night's Main Event* ring that all was not well between Justice and Hulk. As soon as the bell rang, they argued as to which of them

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would start the match. The Hulkster reluctantly stepped to the apron and watched his partner lock up with Flair.

Justice quickly established his dominance. He reversed an Irish whip and slung Flair into the turnbuckle, before leveling him with a back-bodydrop and a hiptoss. Stunned, Flair sought refuge on the arena floor.

After he caught his breath, Flair re-entered the ring. Just then, Justice tagged the Hulkster, who was out to demolish Flair. Hogan went on a tear. He booted Flair in the stomach and hammered him with the same tactics that Justice had used moments earlier.

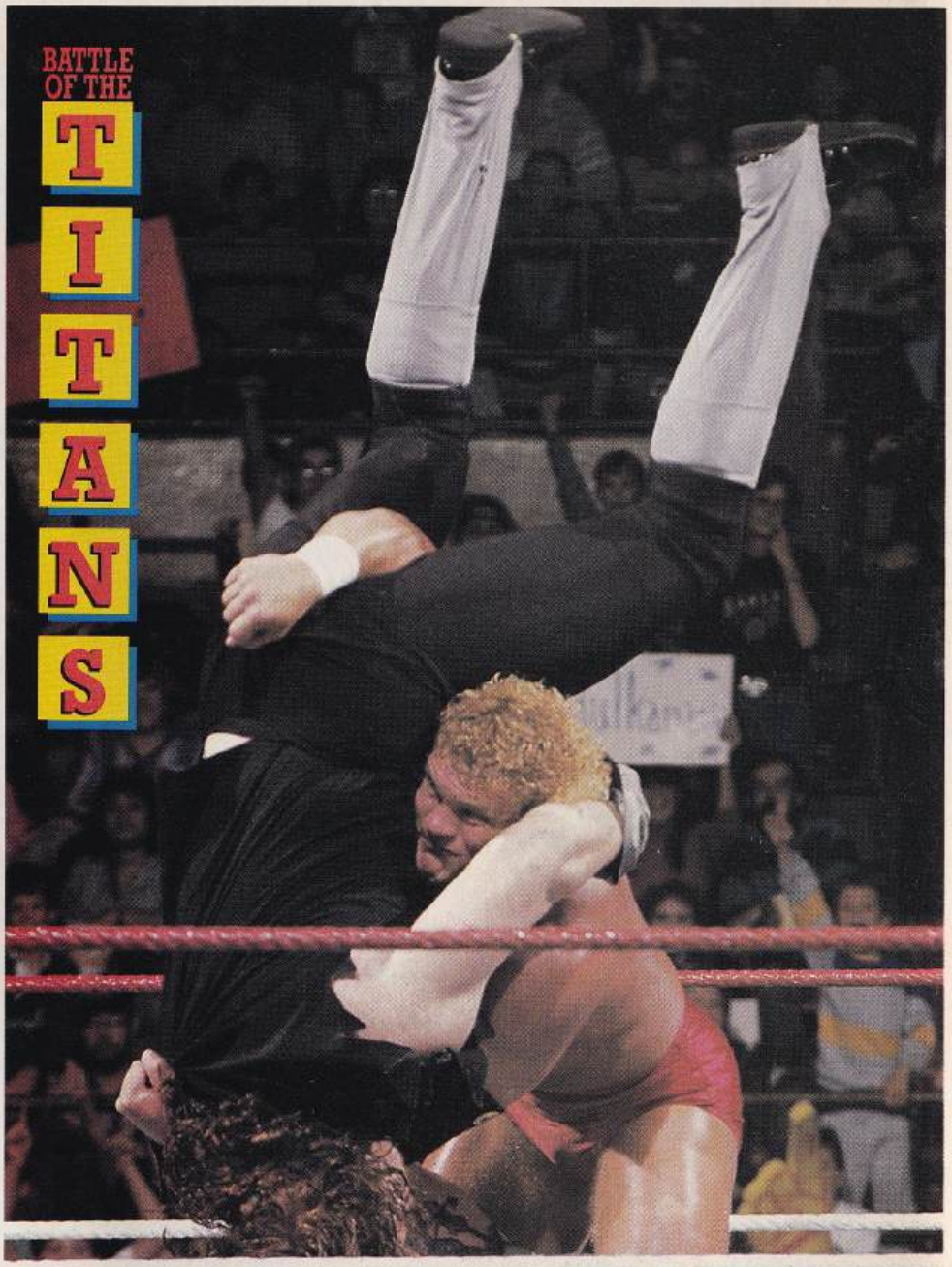
The Undertaker rushed to his partner's aid. It was a mistake. Hogan greeted the Pale Destroyer with punches and a hiptoss. Hulk then grabbed the Undertaker and rammed his head into Justice's boot.

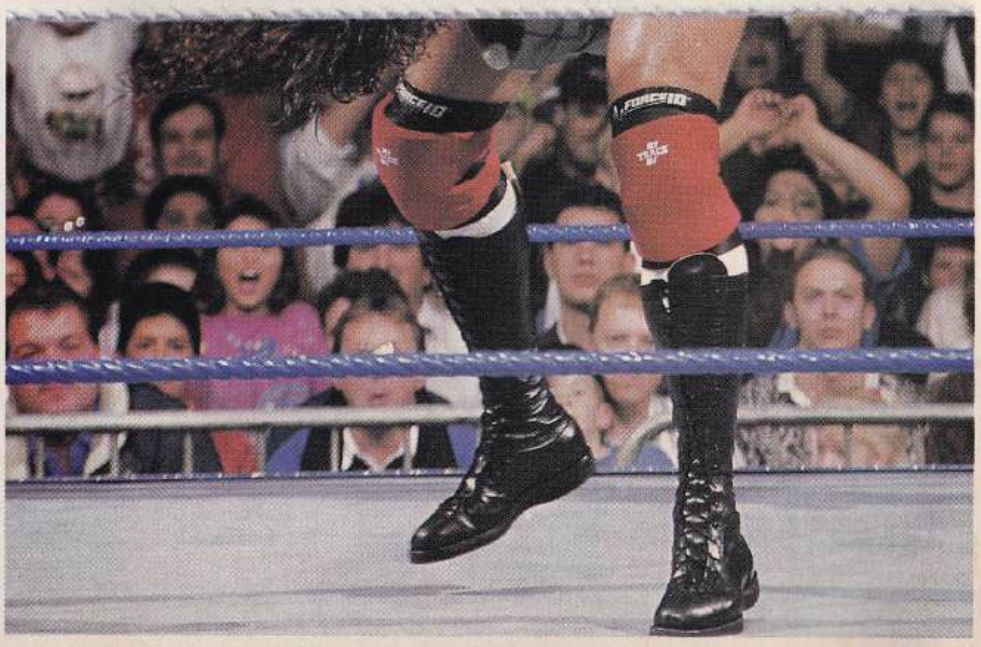
Justice tagged into the match and staggered the Undertaker with a bodyslam before ramming his head to the Hulkster's boot in their corner. At that point, Justice and Hogan were working together like a well-oiled machine.

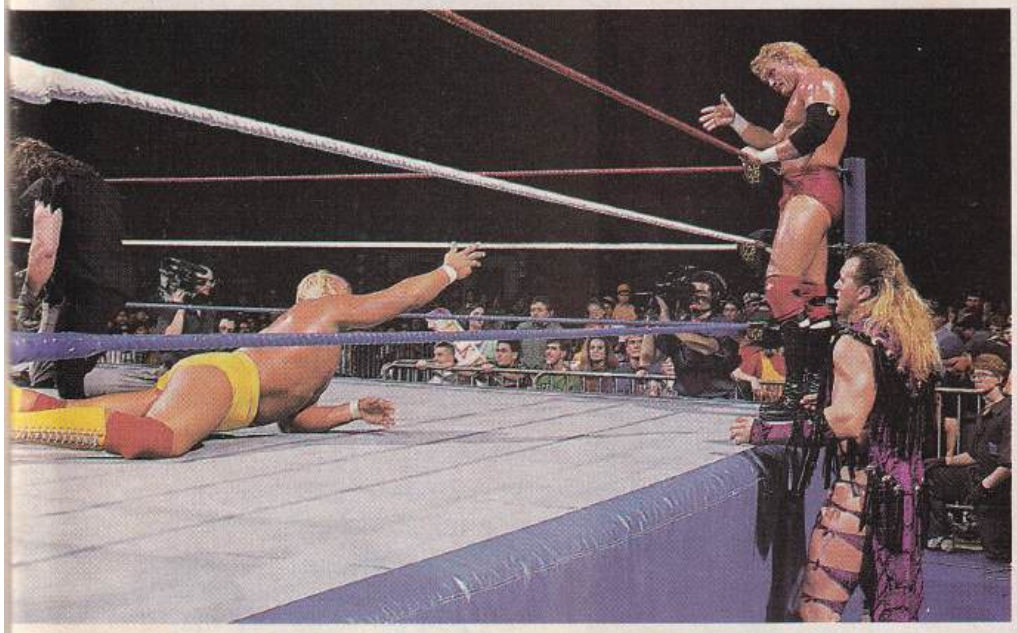
Hulk kept up the momentum by double clotheslining his opponents. From there, Sid and the Hulkster merged their talents and cleared Flair and the Undertaker from the ring with precision double-teaming.

The crowd erupted into cheers. Hogan, who shares a tight bond with his millions of Hulkamaniacs, reveled in their adulation. Justice looked at Hogan with envy. He shook his head and snorted.

Seconds later, the complexion of the match changed. Separated by the referee, Hogan and Flair jawed at one another on the apron. The Undertaker entered the ring and blasted Justice, whose guard was down. The Undertaker tagged Flair, and together the two athletes worked over the big man from Arkansas with chops, chokes and punches to the ear.







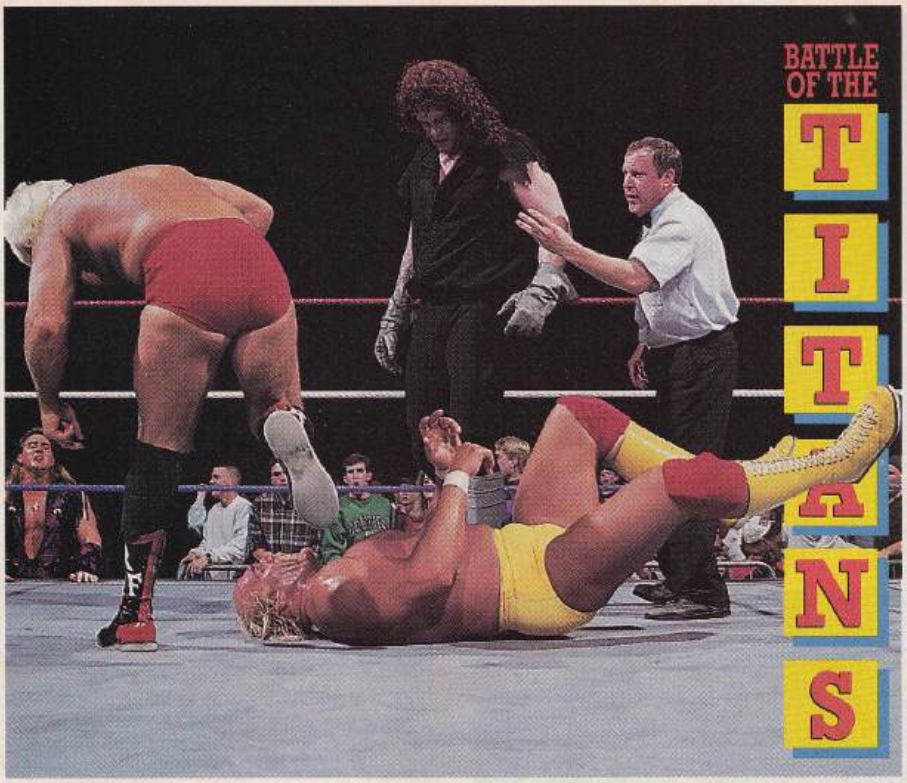
The match between Sid Justice and the Hulkster and Ric Flair and the Undertaker on Saturday Night's Main Event *was a shocker. At a crucial moment in the match, Justice left the Hulkster for dead.*

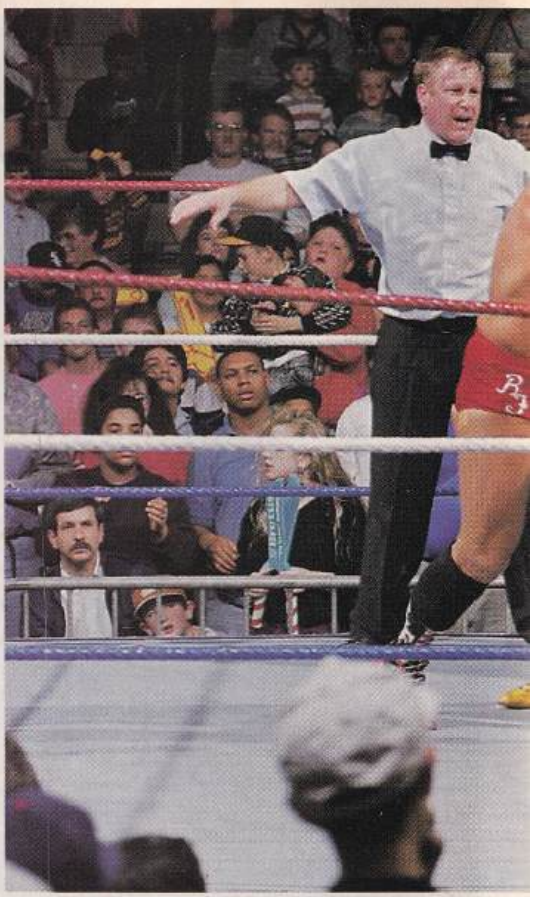
Amazingly, Sid absorbed these blows and rebounded. He grabbed Flair and the Undertaker and rammed their skulls together, dazing them. Justice tagged a fired-up Hulkster, who stormed the ring and tattooed Flair and the Undertaker with tremendous blows. Even the Undertaker's manager, Paul Bearer, was tagged when he stepped too close to the action.

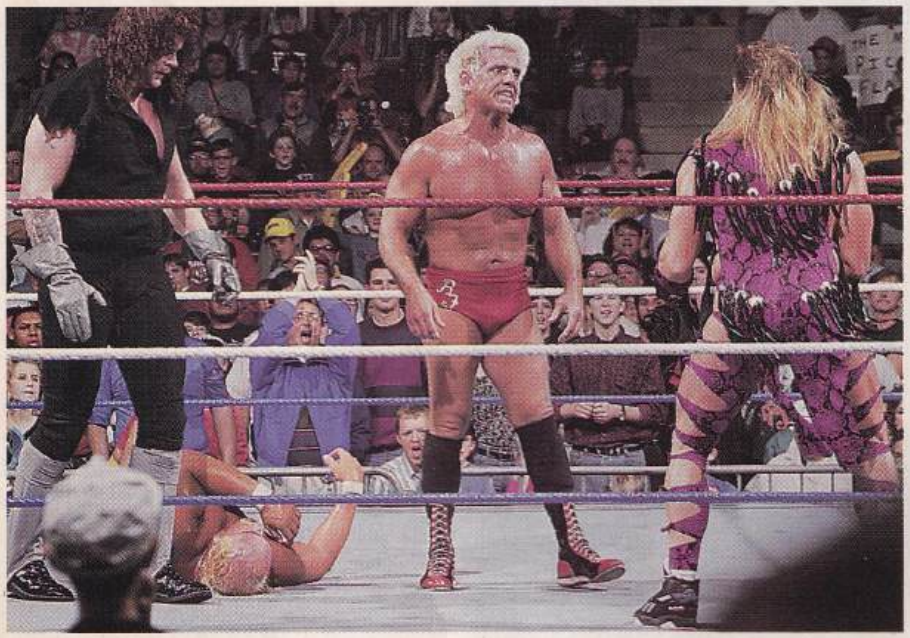
However, while *Hulkamania* was running wild, Flair was clearing the cobwebs and planning his next move. He crept up on Hogan's blind side and dropped him with a boot to the lower hamstring. Like a wolf, Flair dug into the tender spot and ensnared Hogan in a painful figure-four leglock.

Flair increased the pressure and rocked on the mat to ensure that every ligament in the Hulkster's leg would be twisted. Writhing in pain, Hulk inched his way across the ring and reached up for an important tag. He was reaching for air.

With contempt in his beady eyes, Sid looked down at Hogan and turned his back. Seeing this, Flair and the Undertaker opened up on the Hulkster. They choked him and







After Sid Justice abandoned the Hulkster, Ric Flair and the Undertaker attacked Hogan with brutal rage. Finally, a still-injured Brutus "The Barber" Beefcake came to Hulk's aid. Afterward, Hogan retaliated against his tormentors and then thanked Beefcake for providing more help than Justice did. Hulk and Justice will settle up this matter at WrestleMania VIII *in a few weeks.*

pummeled him into the mat. Hogan tried to rebound with slams, but every time he went to his corner, Justice wouldn't extend his hand. He ignored Hogan's plea for help.

Finally, Justice wiped his hands of Hulk Hogan. He stepped off the apron—just before Hogan reached for another crucial tag—and walked off.

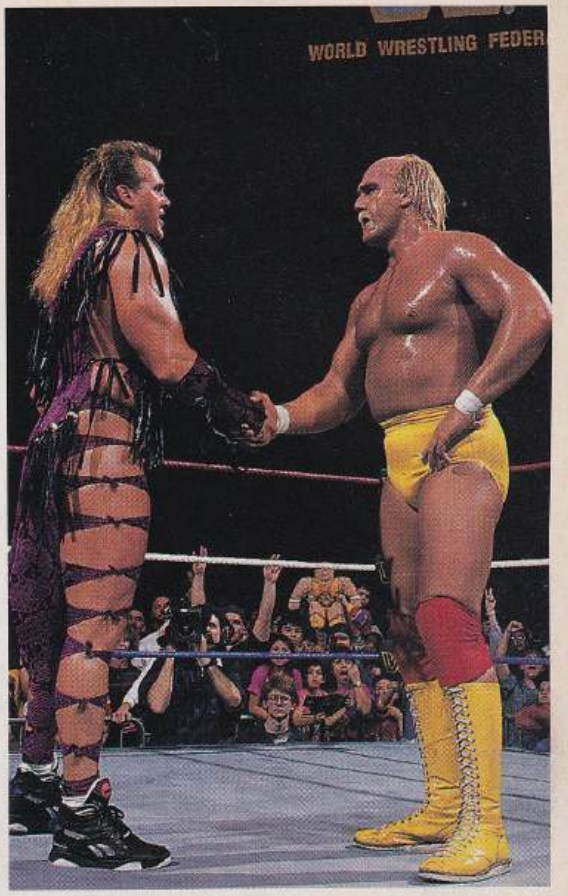
Brutus "The Barber" Beefcake, who was at ringside during the match, ran down the aisle and confronted Sid. Beefcake told Justice to return to action. However, Justice didn't want any of Hogan or his best friend, Beefcake. He looked at the ring, arched his eyebrows and then spit in Brutus' face.

Meanwhile, Hogan was still taking a beating. Flair and the Undertaker choked and kicked the Hulkster at will. When the referee attempted to stop them, Flair threw him to the canvas, which eventually earned the team a disqualification.

Beefcake, still recovering from facial injuries, couldn't take any more. He ran into the ring and challenged Flair and the Undertaker. Sensing they might permanently injure somebody, Flair and his partner turned their attention to Beefcake.

However, this was what Hogan needed. He rose to his feet and came to his friend's aid. He battered the Undertaker and Flair as if there were no tomorrow and deposited them on the arena floor, where they chose to stay.

After the bell, Hogan was livid. He promised everybody that justice will be served for Sid's actions when they meet at *WrestleMania VIII.* WF



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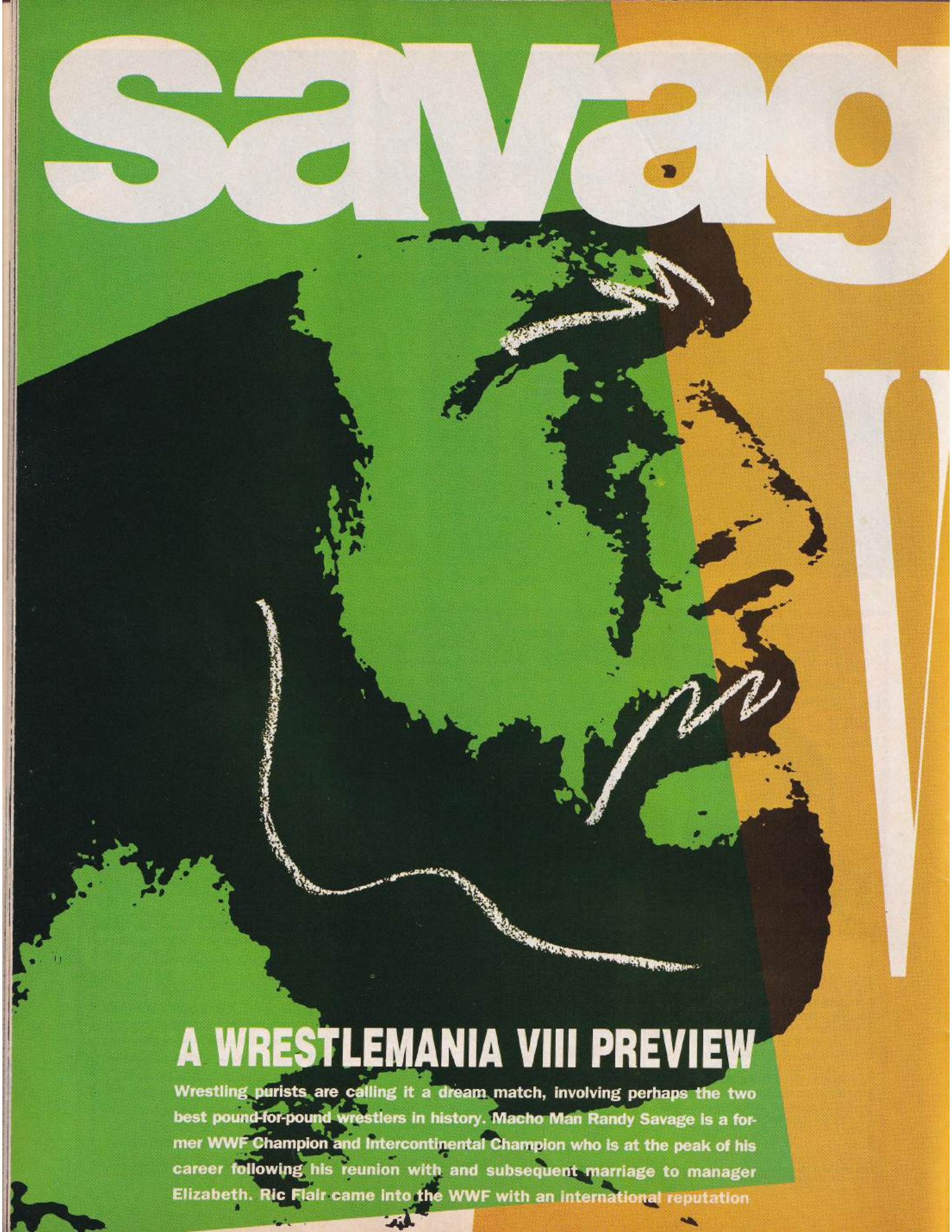
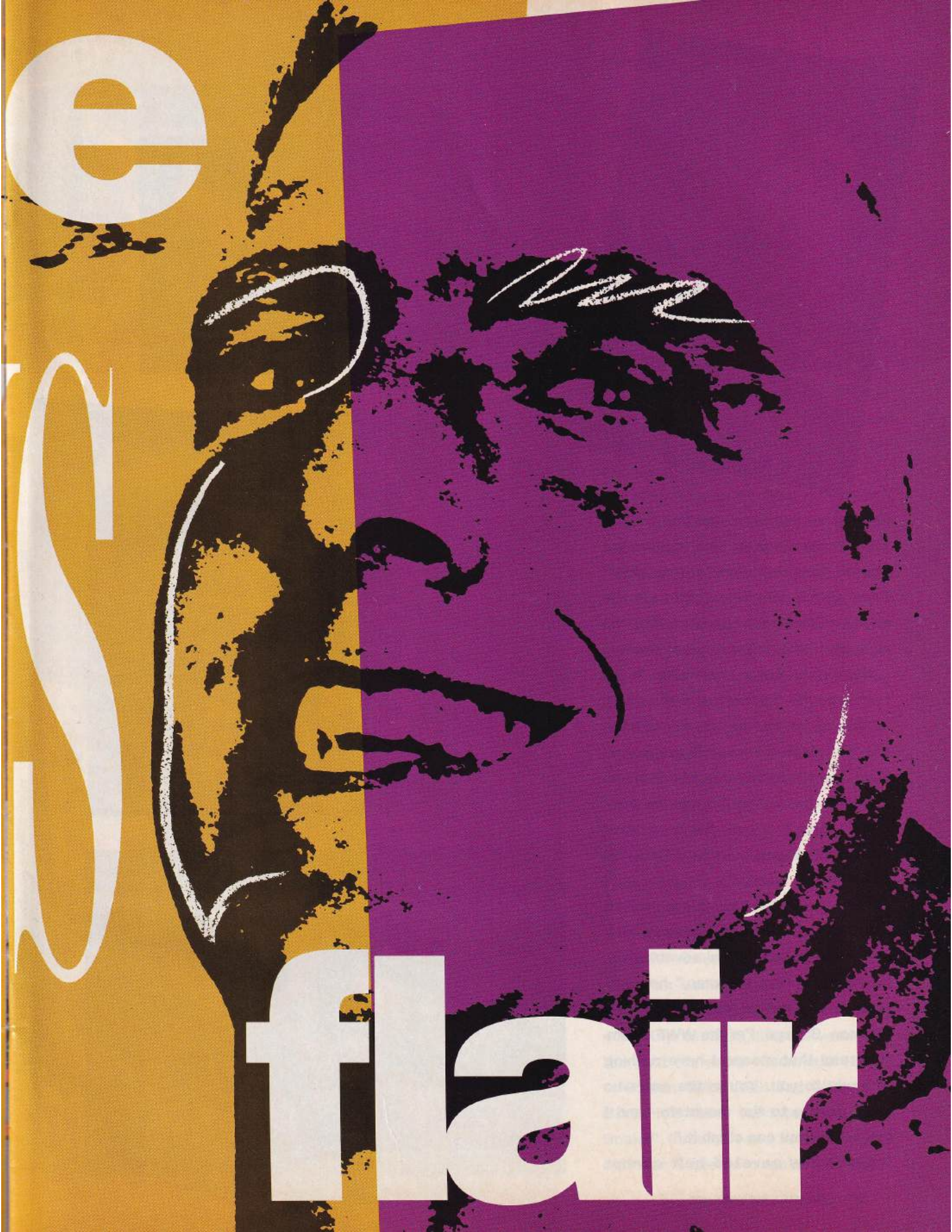


A WRESTLEMANIA VIII PREVIEW

Wrestling purists are calling it a dream match, involving perhaps the two best pound-for-pound wrestlers in history. Macho Man Randy Savage is a former WWF Champion and Intercontinental Champion who is at the peak of his career following his reunion with and subsequent marriage to manager Elizabeth. Ric Flair came into the WWF with an international reputation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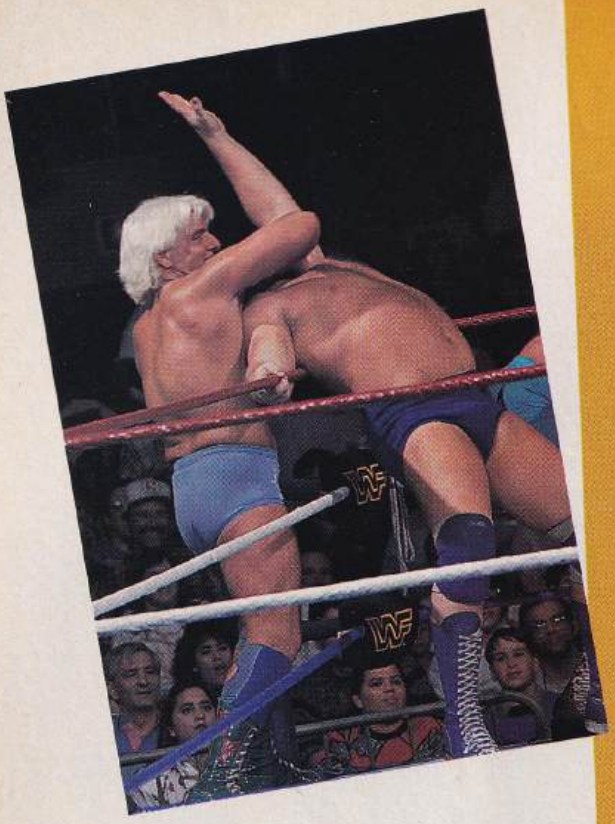
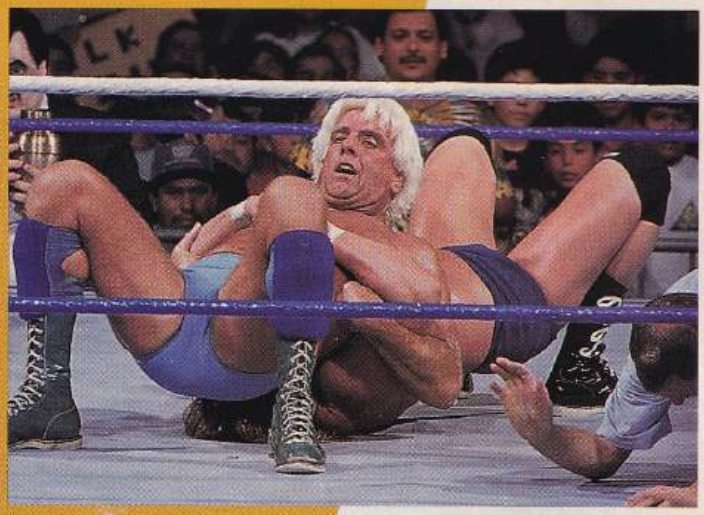
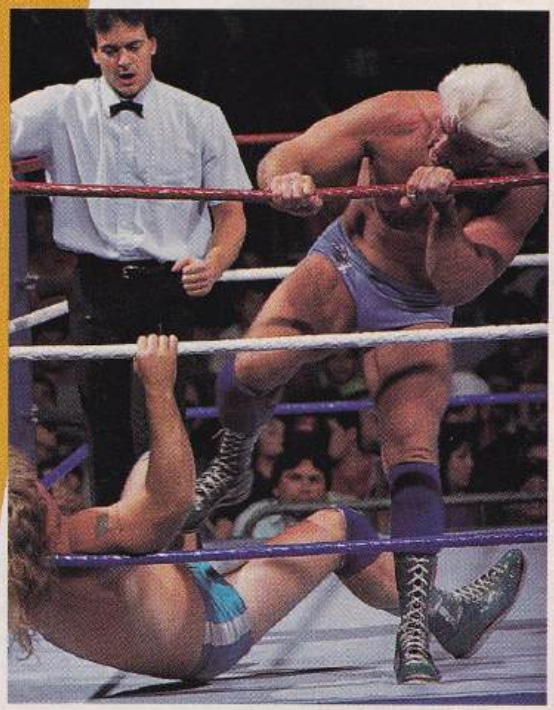




WWF Champion Ric Flair says he will beat the Macho Man by hook or crook when they collide at *WrestleMania VIII* in Indianapolis, Indiana's Hoosier Dome.

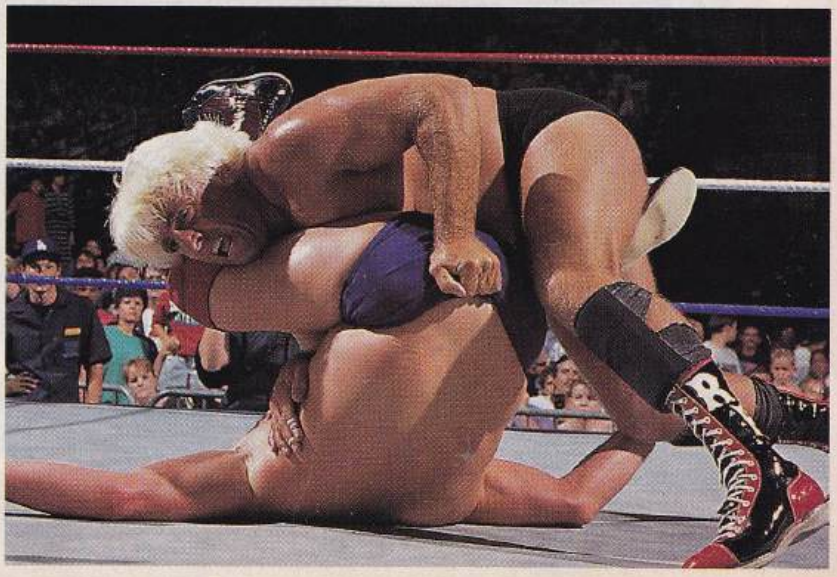


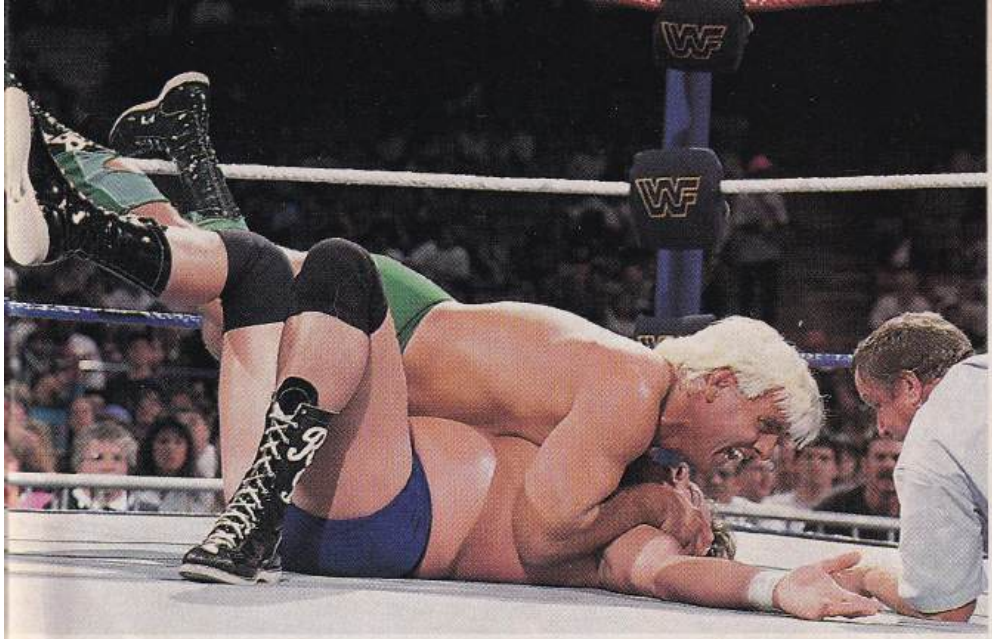
less than a year ago, sporting his personal "championship belt" and calling himself "the real world's champion." Some people laughed—until he made good on his boasts by capturing the legitimate title at the *Royal Rumble*.

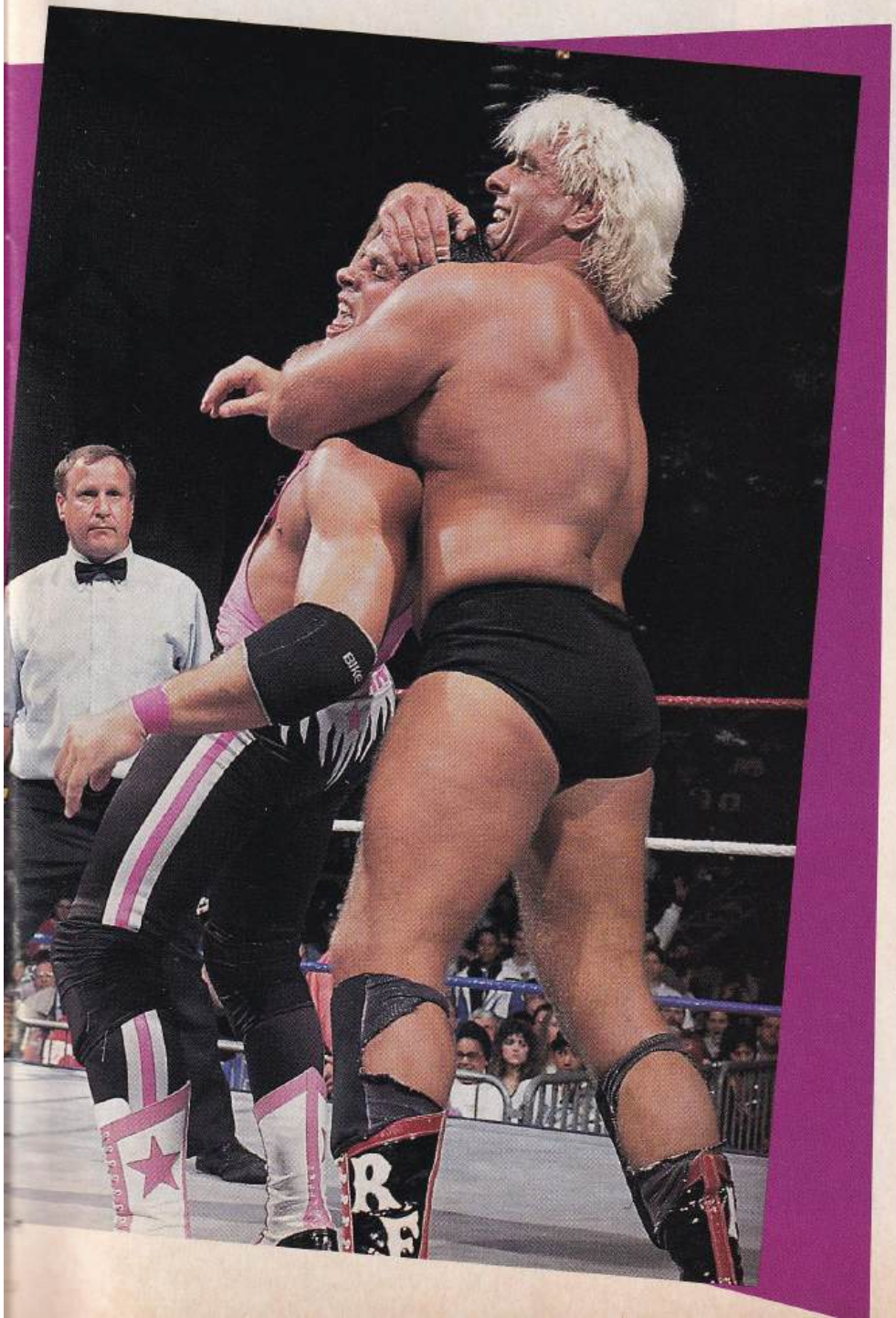
Even Hulk Hogan, embroiled in his own war with Sid Justice, admits he'll keep a close eye on the *WrestleMania VIII* clash between Savage and Flair. He rates Savage and Flair as "among my toughest opponents ever. I don't think I've ever felt as excited about two other guys mixing it up as I do about this match."

With the WWF Championship Belt firmly strapped around his waist, Flair enjoys the psychological advantage in the contest. "I'm the *man*," he says. "And to *be* the man, you have to *beat* the man. Savage, I'm the WWF Champion, and that means I have nothing to prove to you. You're the one who has to come to the mountain—and I don't think you can climb it."

Since the coveted belt cannot







change hands on a count-out or disqualification, it would be easy for Flair to zap Savage with a foreign object in full view of the referee or retreat back to the dressing room during a critical moment—with the belt still in his possession. But sources close to the titlist admit that Slick Ric has no such plans. "Flair would never tell you this," says a person close to the champ, "but he doesn't want to score a cheap win over Savage. He realizes that if any man in wrestling could beat him at his own game, it's the Macho Man. Ric won't feel like a true champion until he whips Savage for everybody to see."

Could Flair do it? With his extraordinary endurance, deep scientific knowledge and distinction as "the dirtiest player in the game," he's more than capable.

Flair can spend 45 minutes trading hammerlocks and elbow smashes under the hot lights and barely work up a sweat. He's one of the few wrestlers who gets better as the match progresses.

Unfortunately for the titlist, so is Randy Savage. The intensity of competition fires him up. The hotter it gets between the ropes, the more the Macho Man is ignited.

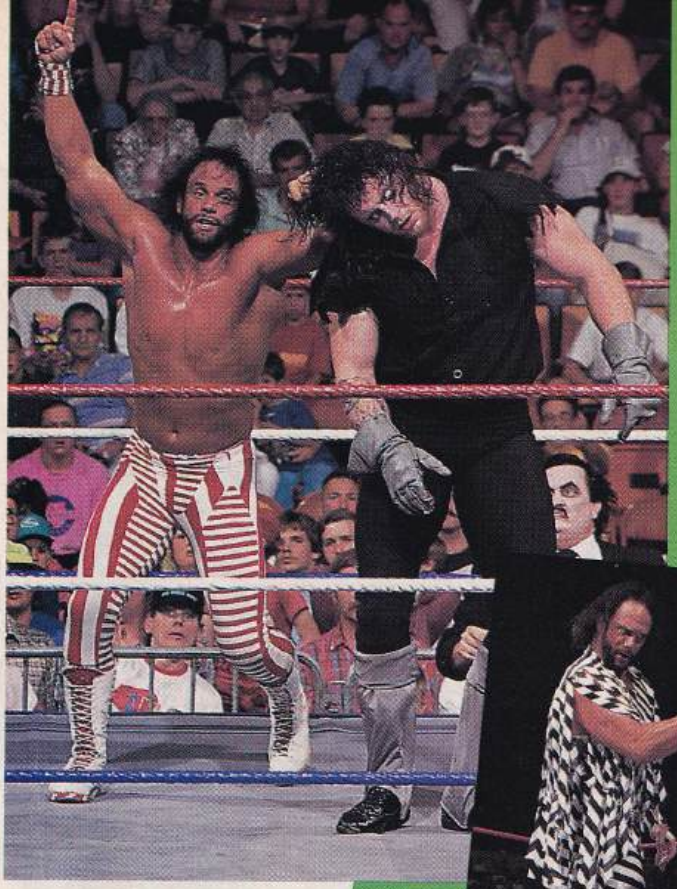
Having been at the center of the championship picture since entering the WWF before *WrestleMania 2*, Macho Man understands how to thrive under pressure. He's wrestled virtually every top name in the mat wars over the past six years—from Hulk Hogan to Million Dollar Man Ted DiBiase to Bret "Hit Man" Hart to Jake "The Snake" Roberts—and knows how to shift his style to counter his oppo-

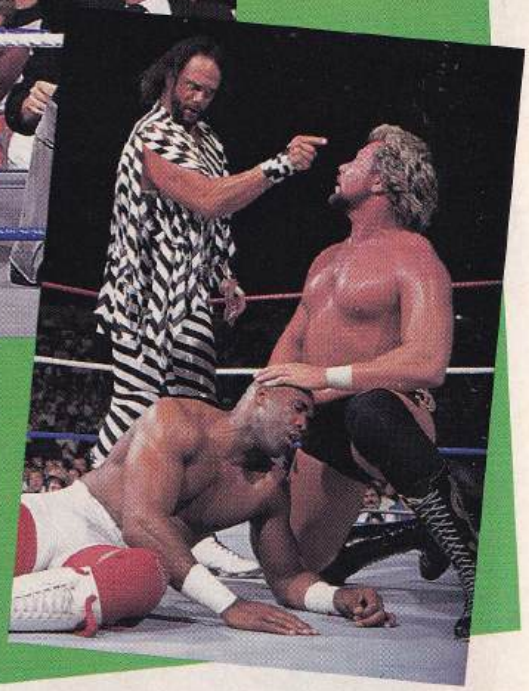
nent's methods. While he sometimes appears reckless to the untrained eye, those who've stepped into the ring with him know that the Macho Man is a thinking man's wrestler.

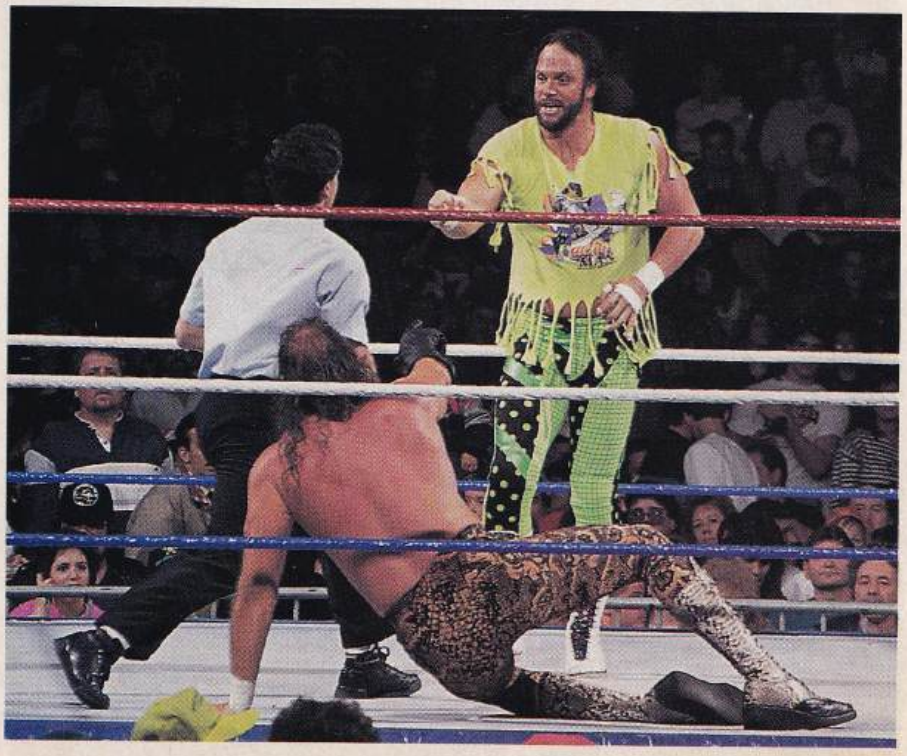
Of course, so is Flair. There's a dressing room joke that nobody else can use his mind as effectively while in midair, enduring a high back-body-drop. In other words, Flair knows how to land on the mat, seemingly on the verge of defeat, and rebound to victory. He might play possum on the canvas and then trap his foe in an inside cradle. He might wait for his adversary to attempt a flying move and roll out of the way. Or he might climb off the mat, go toe-to-toe with his rival and beat the man's brains out.

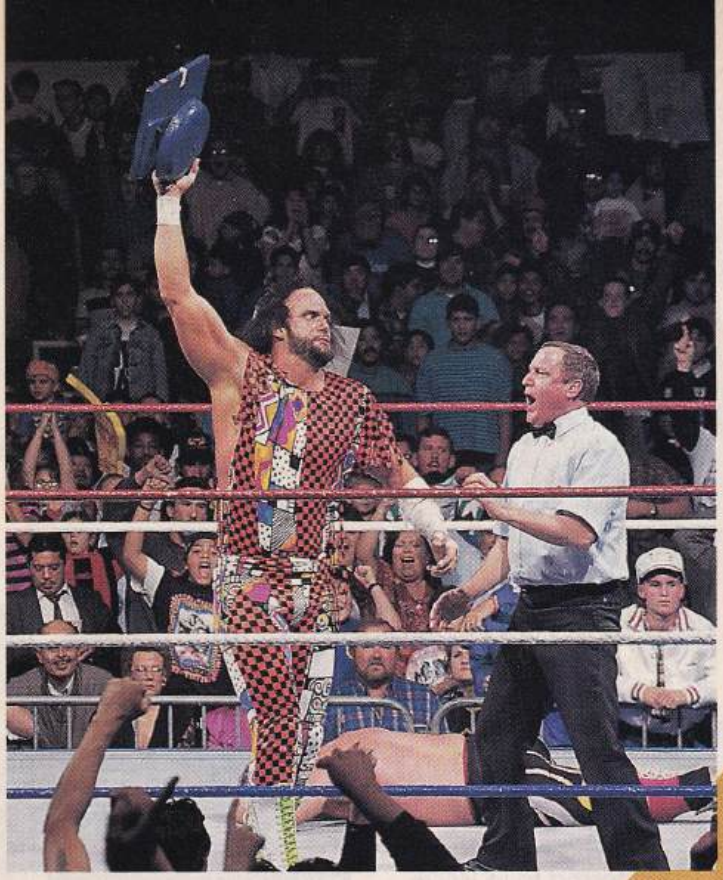
Although he's far from being the strongest competitor in the WWF, Flair might well be the most dangerous. He loves it when the battle spills out of the ring because it is on the arena floor where the champion is the most vicious, disabling his opponent with chops, slamming his head against the steel ringside steps and Irish-whipping him into the guardrail.

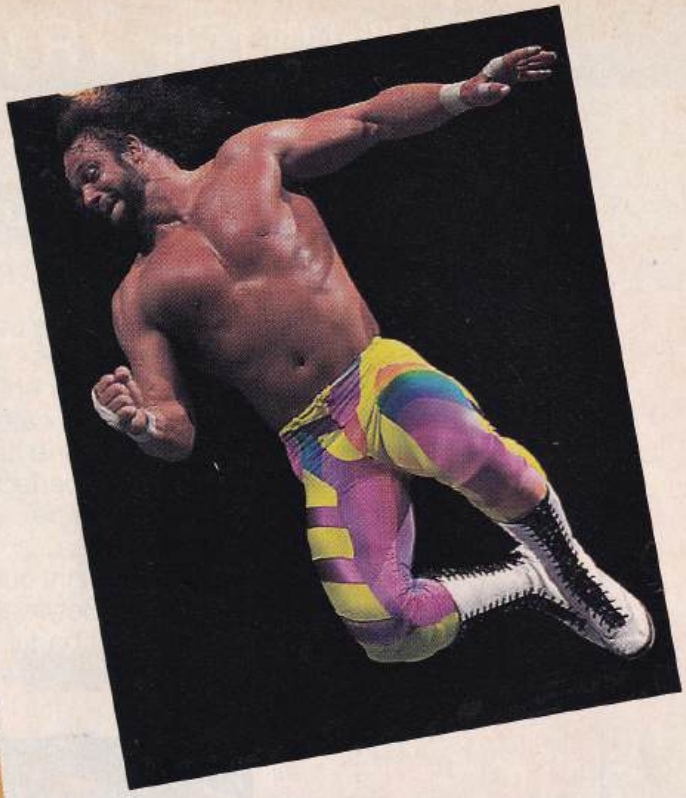
But Savage is also accustomed to the perils of ringside, and he's learned to thrive out there. With his remarkable agility, Savage has been known to vault over the top rope to punish a foe recently dispatched to the arena floor. When a man is sprawled against the guardrail, Macho Man will scale the turnbuckles and come down hard on the victim with a double axhandle. To use a cliché, anything that isn't nailed down at ringside—the timekeeper's bell, microphones, headsets, even the announcer's table—are quickly commandeered to be used as

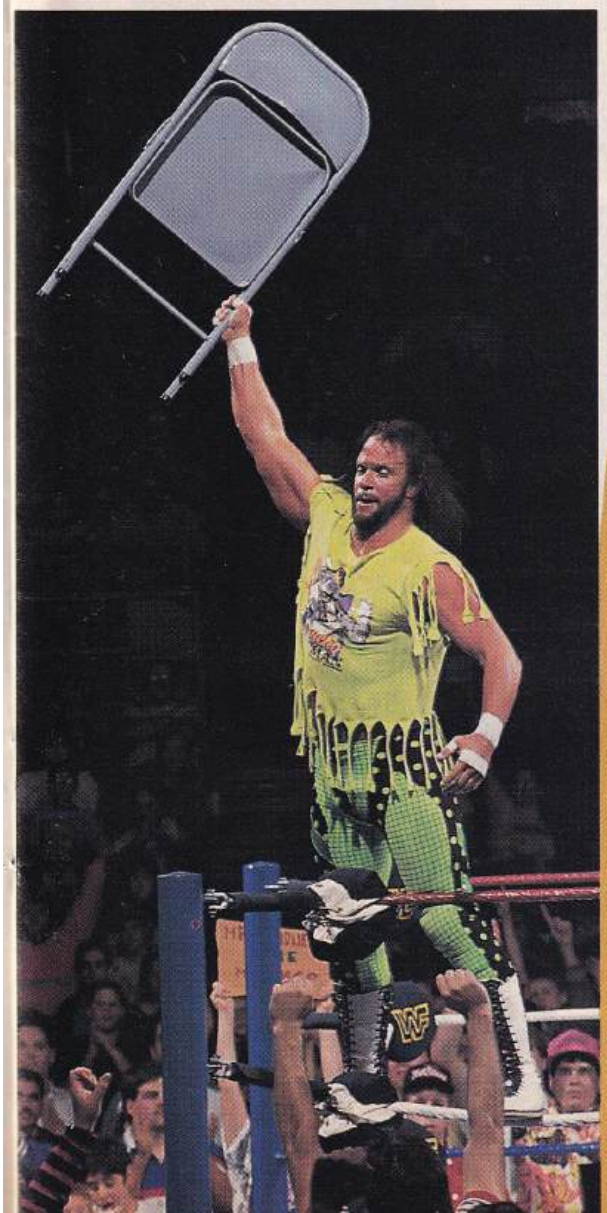












The Macho Man, a former WWF kingpin, has faced all comers over the last few months. He's confident he can regain the championship belt at *WrestleMania VIII*.

Savage's personal weapons.

If Flair can first apply his signature figure-four leglock, however, Macho Man—to coin a phrase—won't have a leg to stand on. Although others, most notably Greg "The Hammer" Valentine and El Matador, are partial to using the figure-four, nobody does it better than Flair. Just ask Jim "The Anvil" Neidhart, who was nearly crippled by the move.

The fleet-footed Savage will probably use his speed in an attempt to avoid the figure-four. Then, he'll likely try to swoop in on Flair, wear him down and set him up for a flying elbow from the top rope. This move has been Macho Man's most loyal ring companion, bringing him triumph after triumph throughout a controversial career. If the maneuver is executed as successfully as it's been in times past, Savage will leave *WrestleMania VIII* a two-time WWF Champion.

Either way, the fans are guaranteed to witness a once-in-a-lifetime duel between two wrestling legends. WF

TRIVIA

We're back with more WWF Trivia. As usual, there are five categories of questions. Award yourself one point for answering the first question in each category, two points for answering the second and three for the third, the most difficult. A perfect score is 30, and all of the answers can be found in back issues of *WWF Magazine*.

If you score between 25-30, you might outsmart some of the WWF's geniuses. Between 20-25, nice work. Between 15-20, not bad. Less than 10, better read the old magazines.

ODDS & ENDS

1. What oversized item, shown in *WWF Magazine*, did the Bushwhackers take to Macho Man Randy Savage's bachelor party?
2. Bobby Heenan has said that comparing Ric Flair to Hulk Hogan is like comparing lunch meat to what?
3. On *Prime Time Wrestling*, Animal moved a 1,500-lb. car how many hundred feet?

SMARTER THAN THE AVERAGE MANAGER

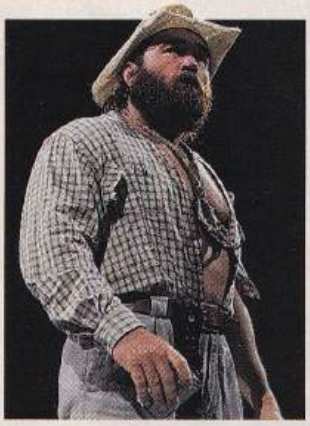
1. Before taking a leave of absence from the WWF, the Genius worked with which Intercontinental Champion?
2. During his time away, the Genius supposedly attended many prestigious universities, including which Ivy League school?
3. He studied what kind of relationships?

BY ANY OTHER NAME

1. Who was recently referred to in *WWF Magazine* as "the Pale Destroyer"?
2. Who's been called "the WWF's Barney Fife"?
3. Bodybuilding fans should know "The Legend," who was recently pictured in *WWF Magazine*. Who is he?

THE WORLD WATCHES

1. *WrestleMania VIII* will be held in what domed stadium?
2. The dome is home to what National Football League team?
3. Two previous *WrestleManias*, numbers III and VI, were held in domes. Do you remember which ones?



THE STRAIGHT SKINNY

1. The tin can Skinner carries is filled with what?
2. What's Skinner's finishing move?
3. When in the swamp, Skinner has been known to dine on water snakes, crawfish and even what else?

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SMARTER THAN THE AVERAGE MANAGER, Mr. Perfect, Yale, and fraternal relationships; THE WORLD WATCHES, the Hoosier Dome, the Indianapolis Colts, and the Pontiac Silverdome; ODDS & ENDS, a hero sandwich, prime rib and 20; BY ANY OTHER NAME, the Undertaker, Big Boss Man, and Lou Ferrigno; THE STRAIGHT SKINNY, tobacco juice, the Gatorbreaker, and insects.

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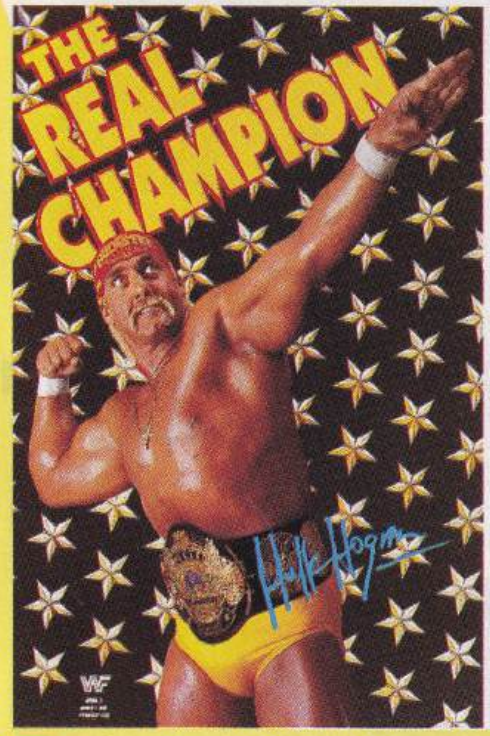

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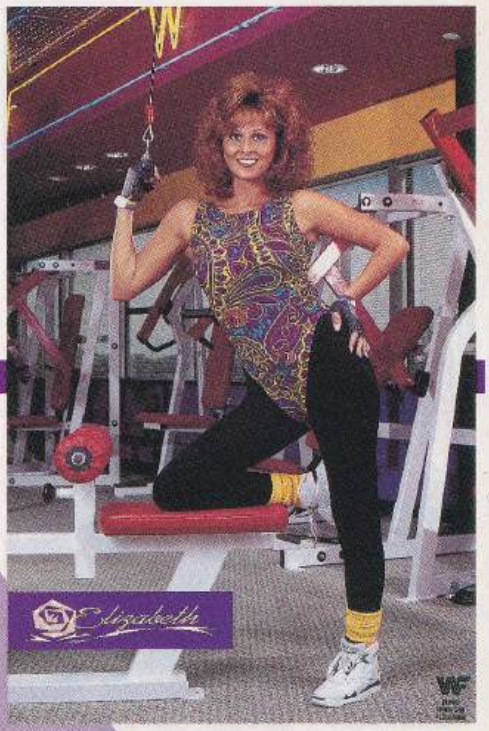

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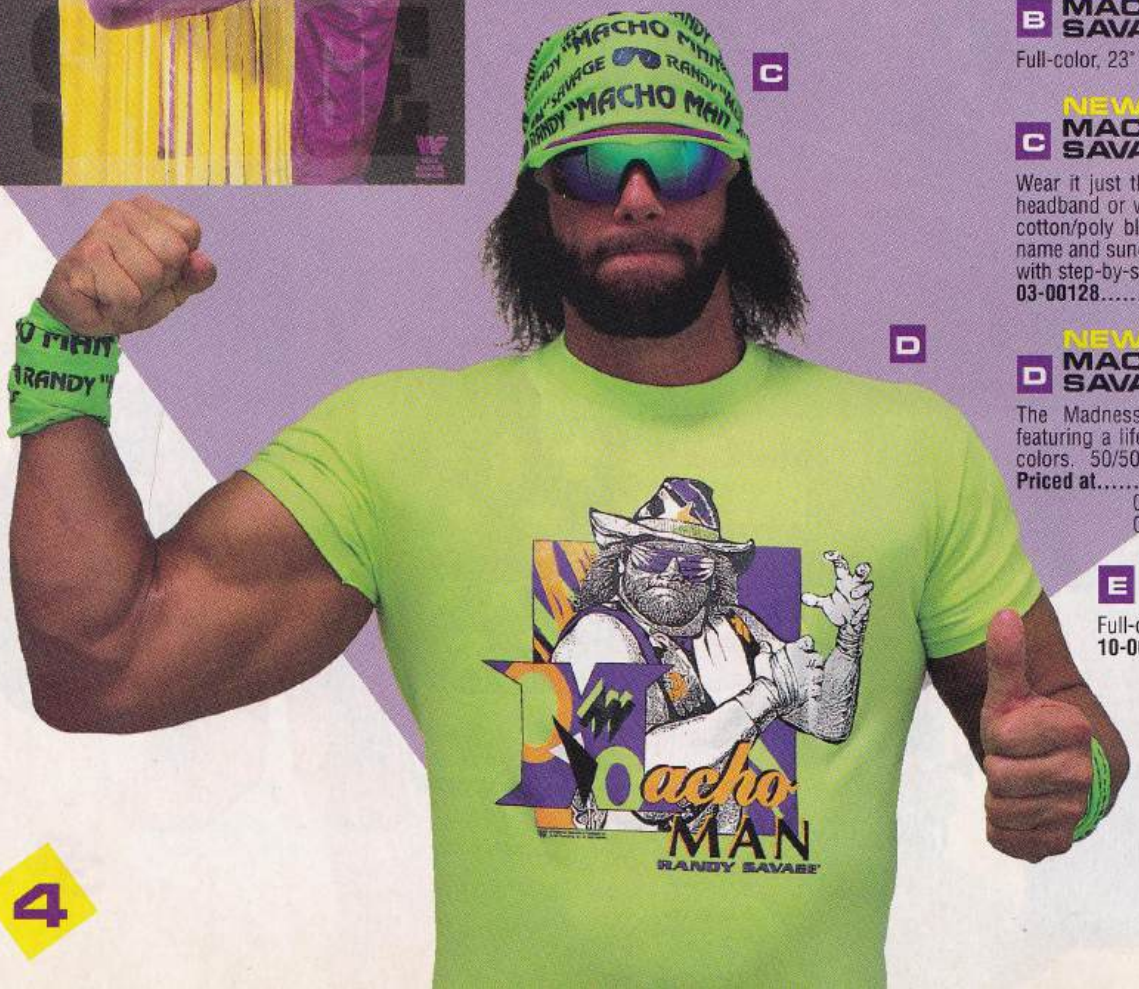

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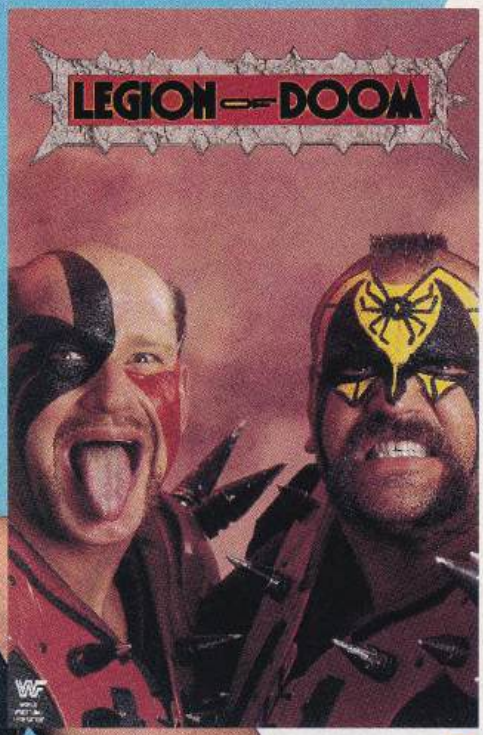

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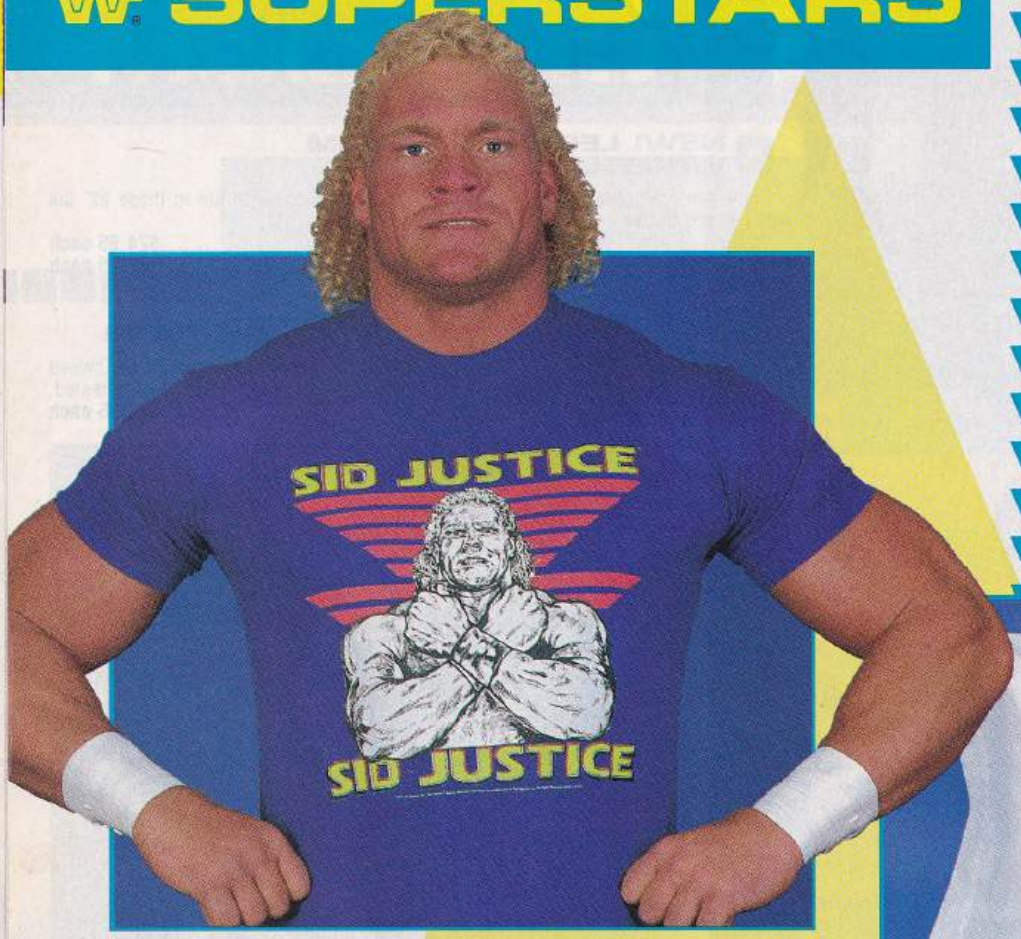

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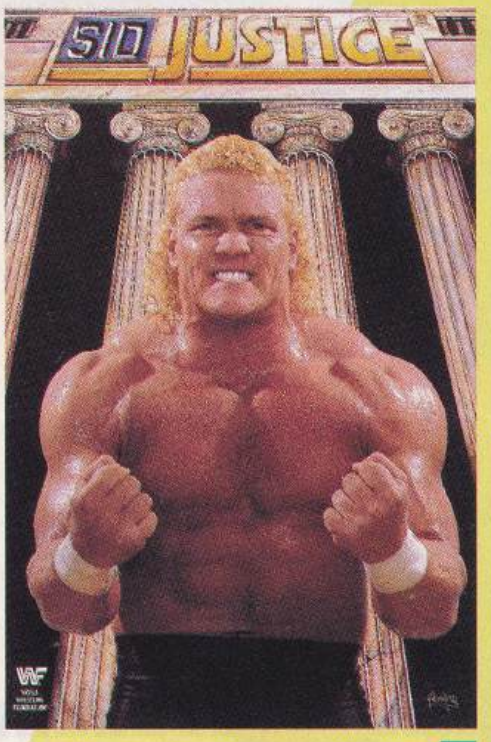

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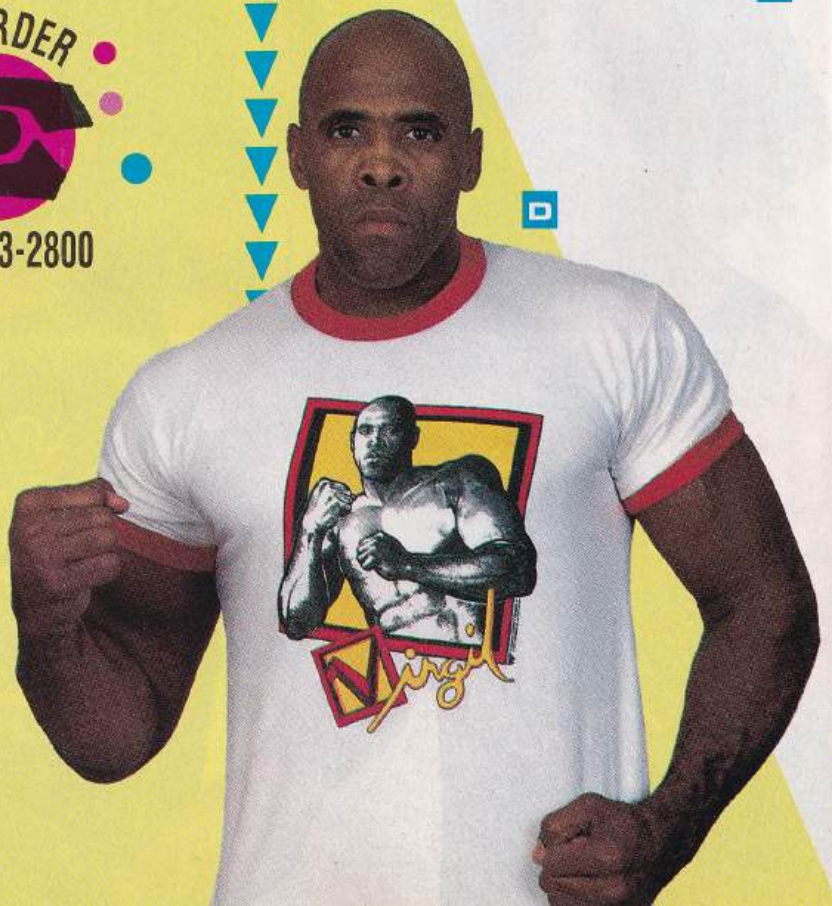

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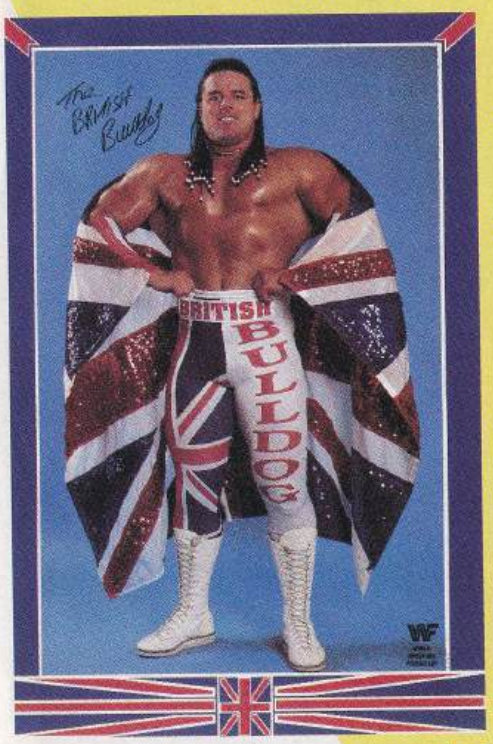

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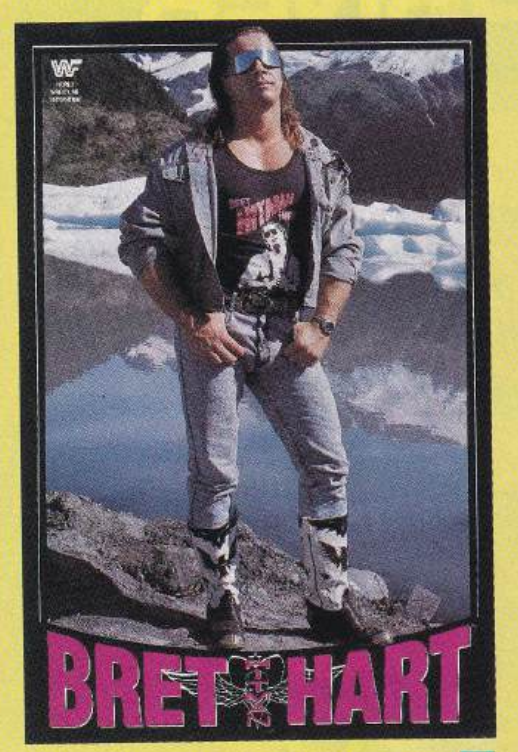

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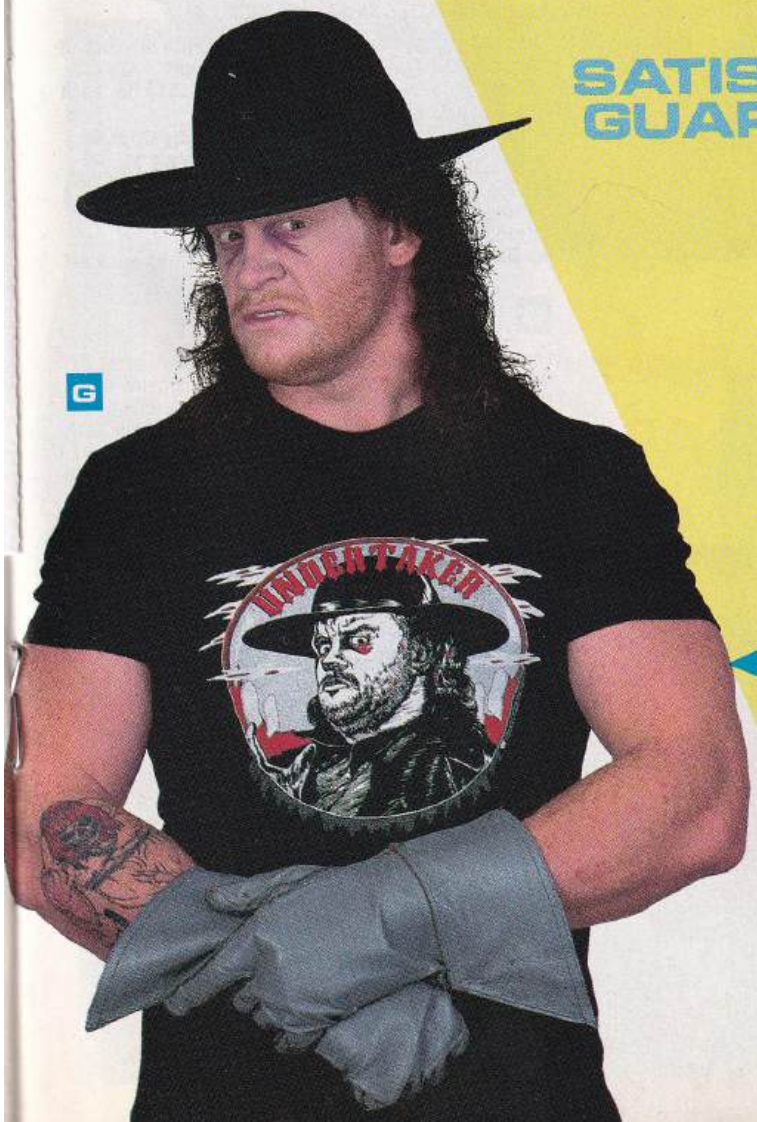

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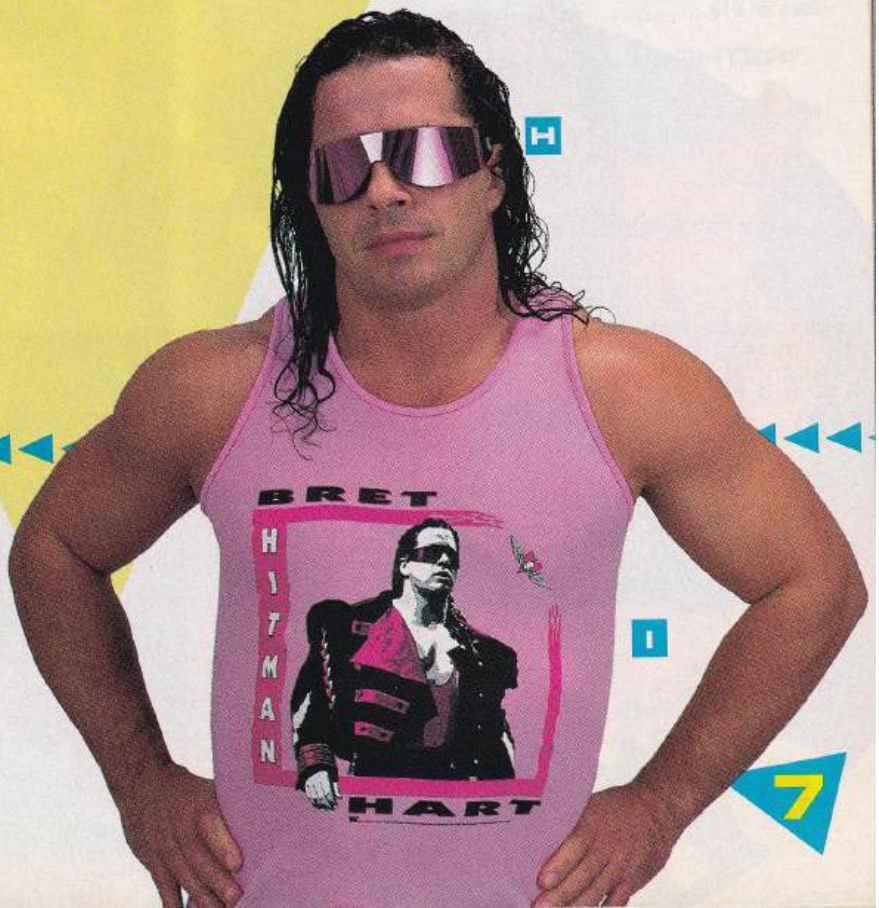

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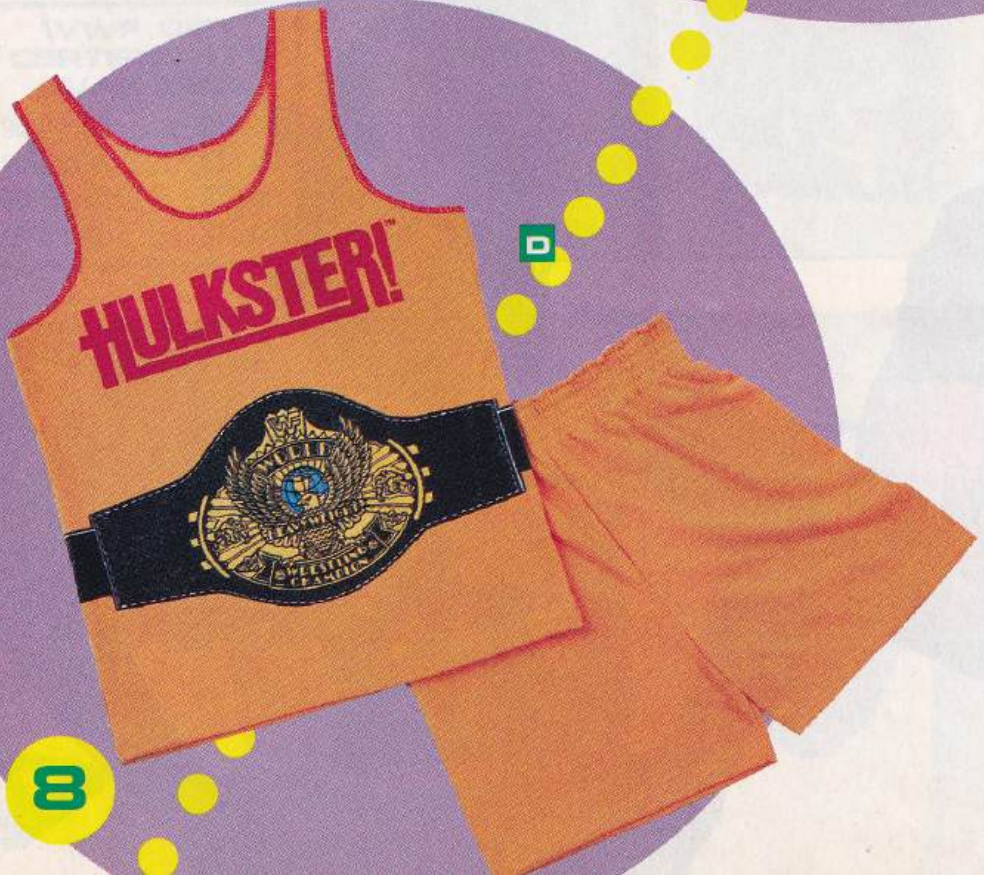

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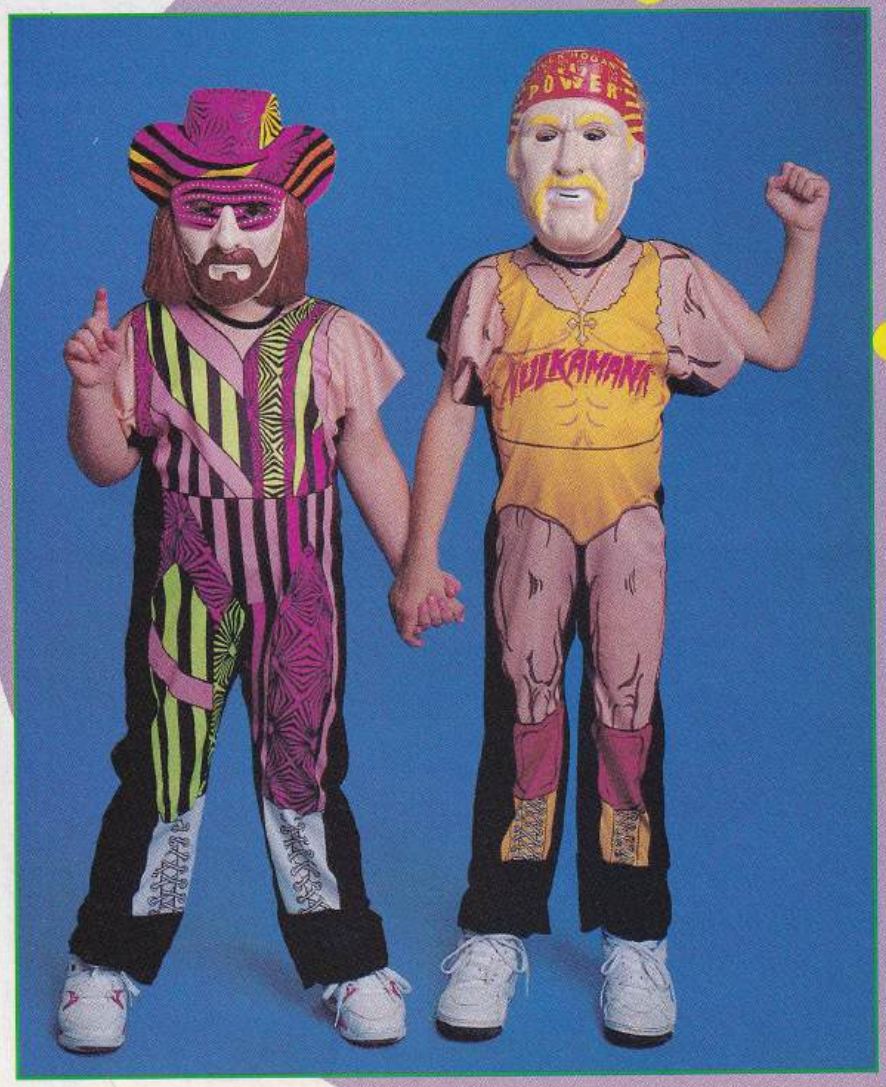

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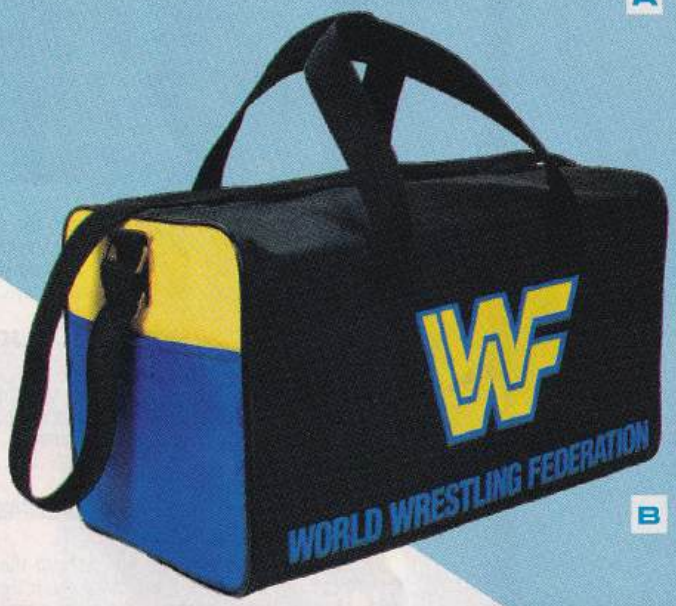

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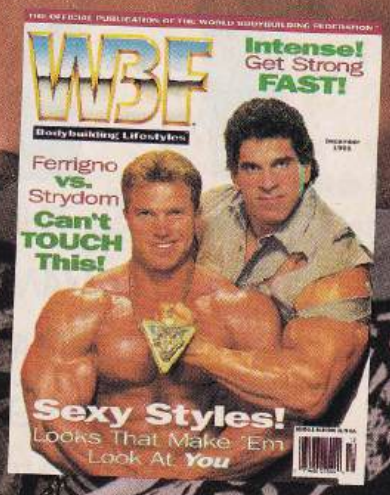

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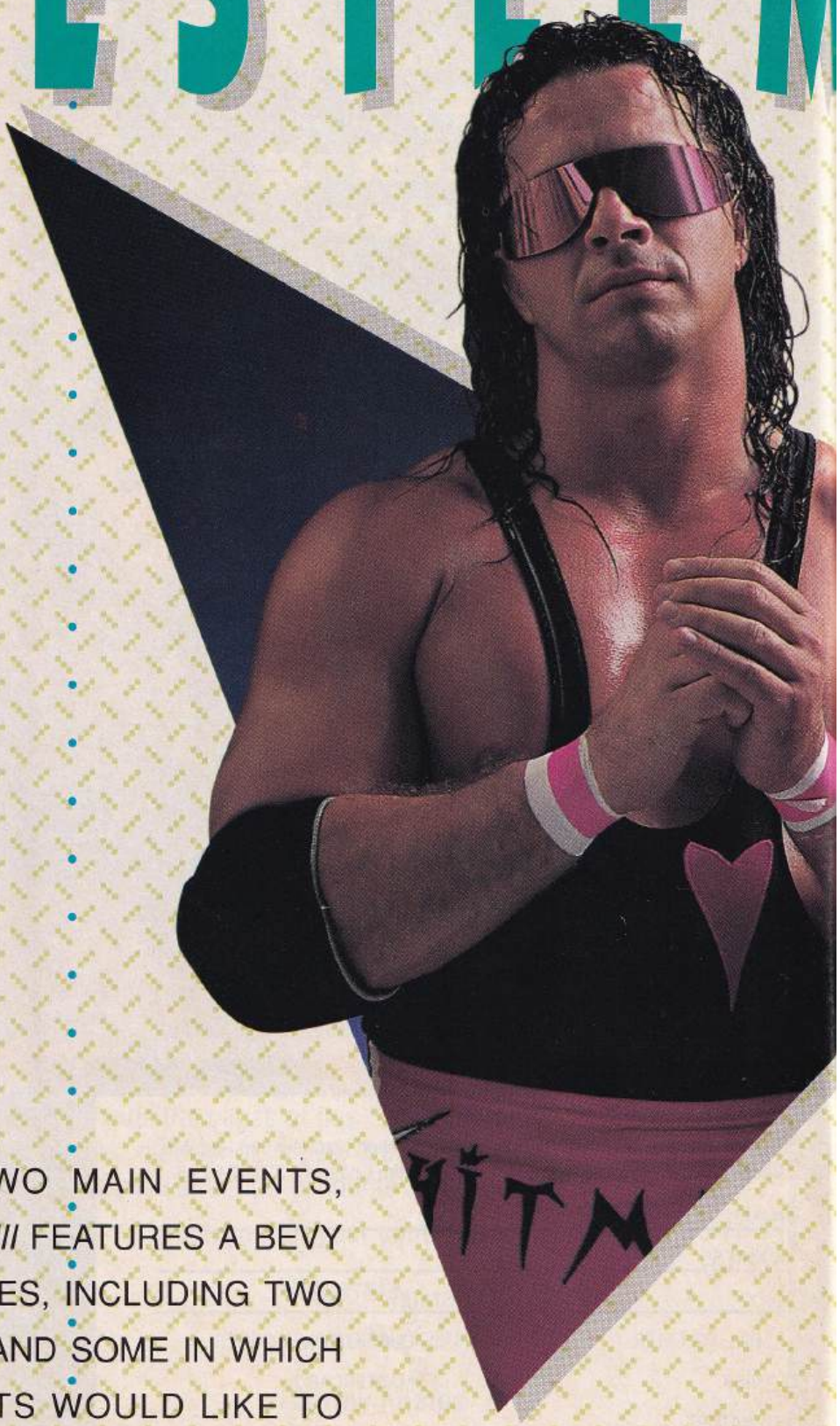

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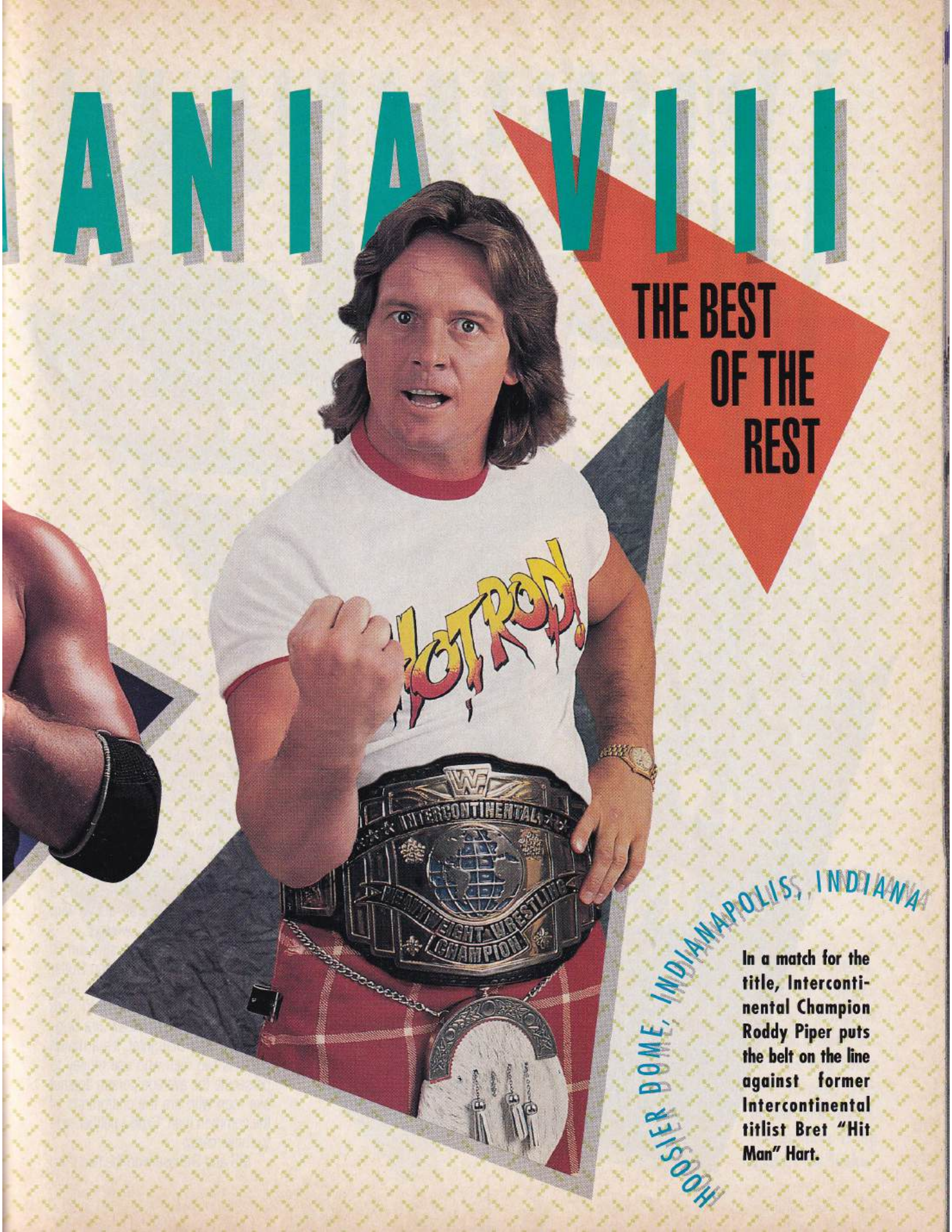

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In a match for the title, Intercontinental Champion Roddy Piper puts the belt on the line against former Intercontinental titlist Bret "Hit Man" Hart.

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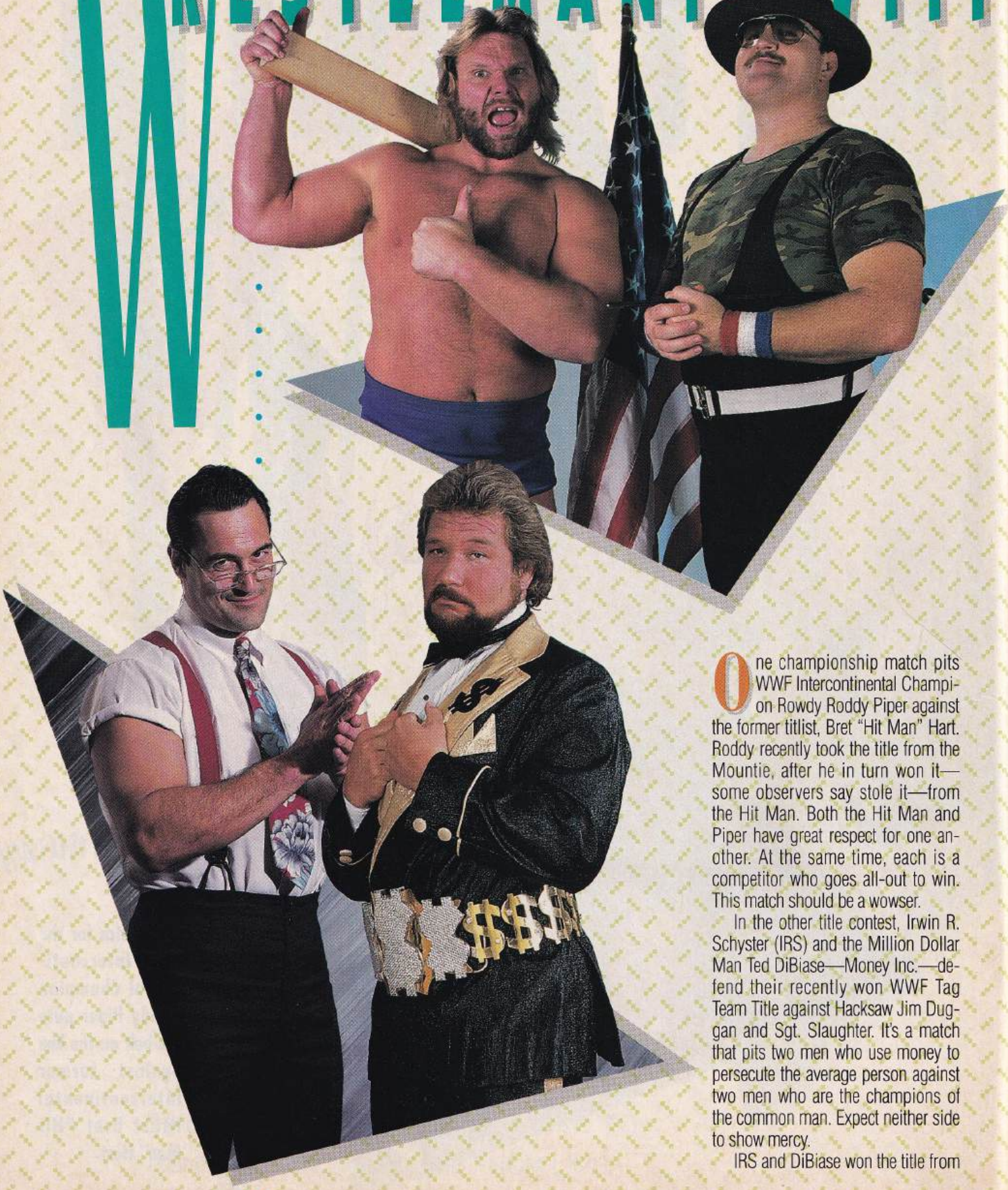


One championship match pits WWF Intercontinental Champion Rowdy Roddy Piper against the former titlist, Bret "Hit Man" Hart. Roddy recently took the title from the Mountie, after he in turn won it—some observers say stole it—from the Hit Man. Both the Hit Man and Piper have great respect for one another. At the same time, each is a competitor who goes all-out to win. This match should be a wowser.

In the other title contest, Irwin R. Schyster (IRS) and the Million Dollar Man Ted DiBiase—Money Inc.—defend their recently won WWF Tag Team Title against Hacksaw Jim Duggan and Sgt. Slaughter. It's a match that pits two men who use money to persecute the average person against two men who are the champions of the common man. Expect neither side to show mercy.

IRS and DiBiase won the title from

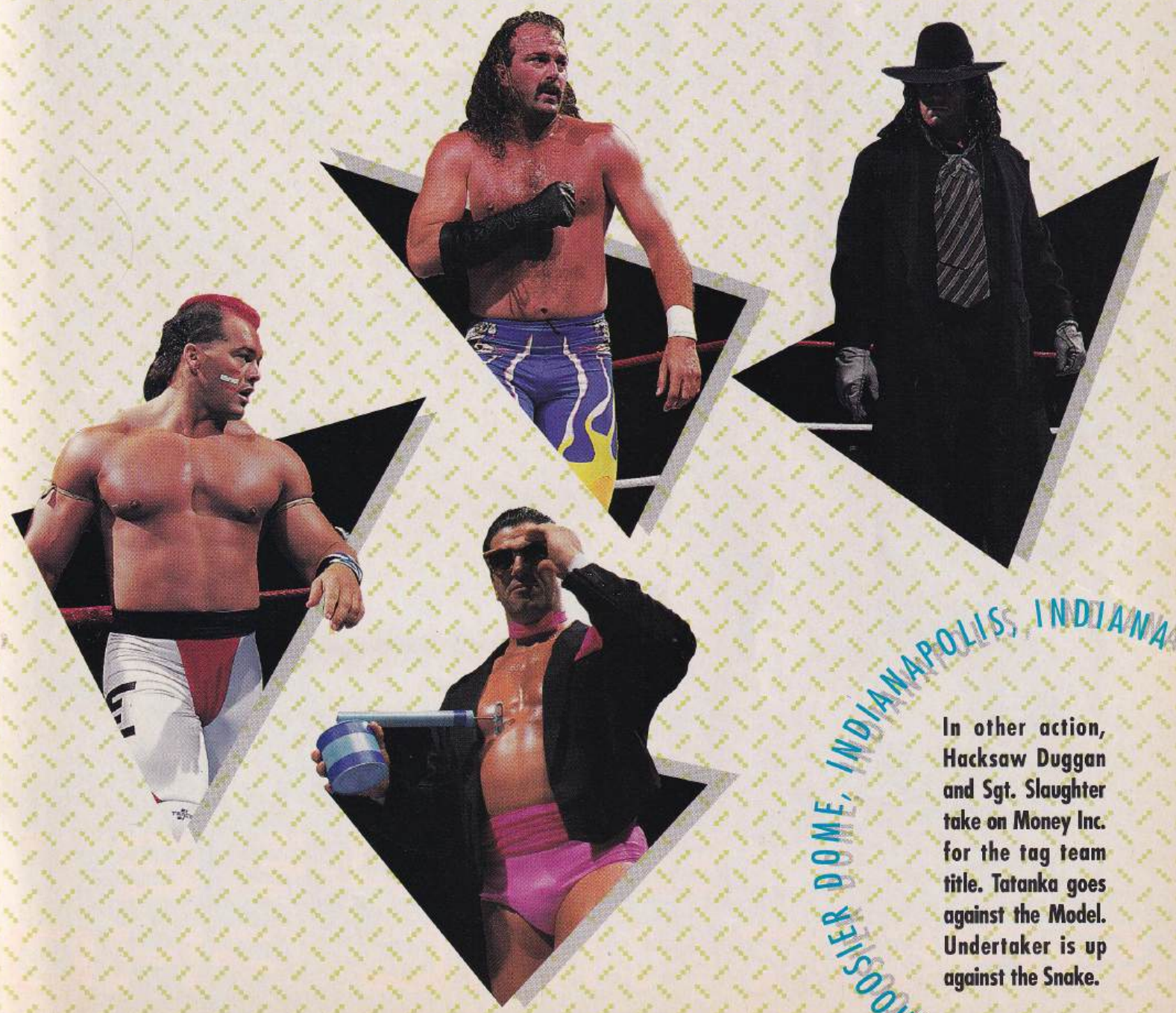
Hawk and Animal of the Legion of Doom largely due to the interference of manager Jimmy "Mouth of the South" Hart's Natural Disasters, Earthquake and Typhoon. Thus, when the Legion meets the Disasters in another stellar *WrestleMania VIII* match, there will be a huge score to settle. This will be a thunderous affair, a clash in which muscle and bulk could spell the difference. The match is tailor-made for both teams because it is an Alley Fight, which means there are no rules.

Perhaps the most intriguing match that will take place at *WrestleMania VIII* is between manager Paul Bearer's Undertaker and Jake "The Snake" Roberts, two former allies who have now become bitter enemies. The Undertaker of late is a changed man who is out to put the evil of the Snake to rest once and for all. This doesn't mean, however, that the Undertaker is not still the Grim Reaper of the WWF. On the contrary, he is just as awesome and foreboding as he ever was. Nevertheless, Jake is as evil and cunning as ever. This match promises to be a lethal confrontation between two of the most frightening wrestlers on Earth.

Another match brings veteran the Model Rick Martel and exciting newcomer Tatanka into confrontation. Martel, smug as ever, has derided Tatanka for going back to his Native American roots, claiming that he is living in the past. Tatanka says he will win the match not only for his own people but for all people of good heart.

Also on the card is a six-man tag team match. On one side are the Big Boss Man, the British Bulldog and Virgil. On the other are the Nasty Boys—Knobbs and Sags—and the Mountie, all managed by Jimmy "Mouth of the South" Hart. Neither side has any love for the other. Watch for some real pier six brawling in this one.

(Editor's Note: As of press time, WWF officials released the matches contained in these pages. For information on additional matches, if any, watch the WWF Television Network.) WF



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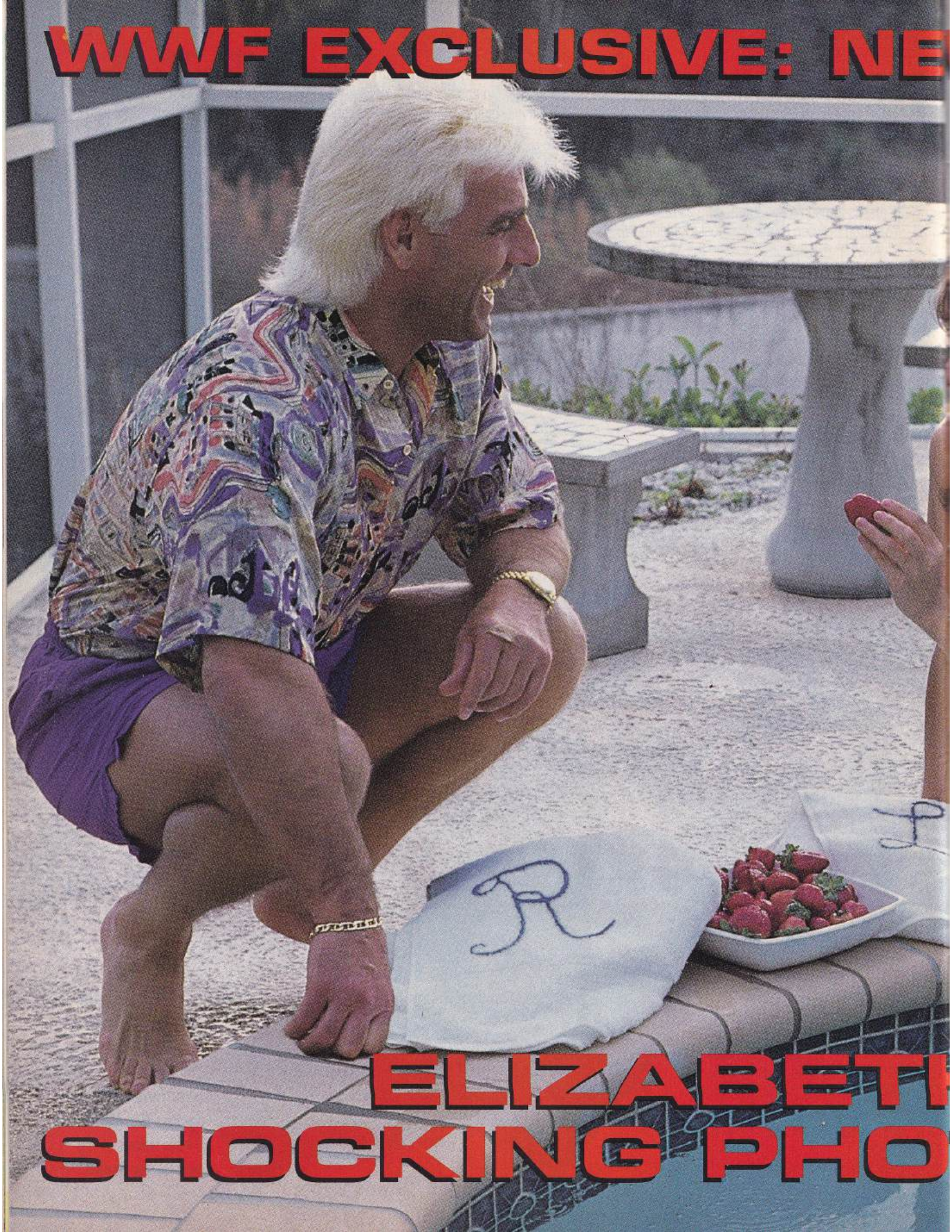

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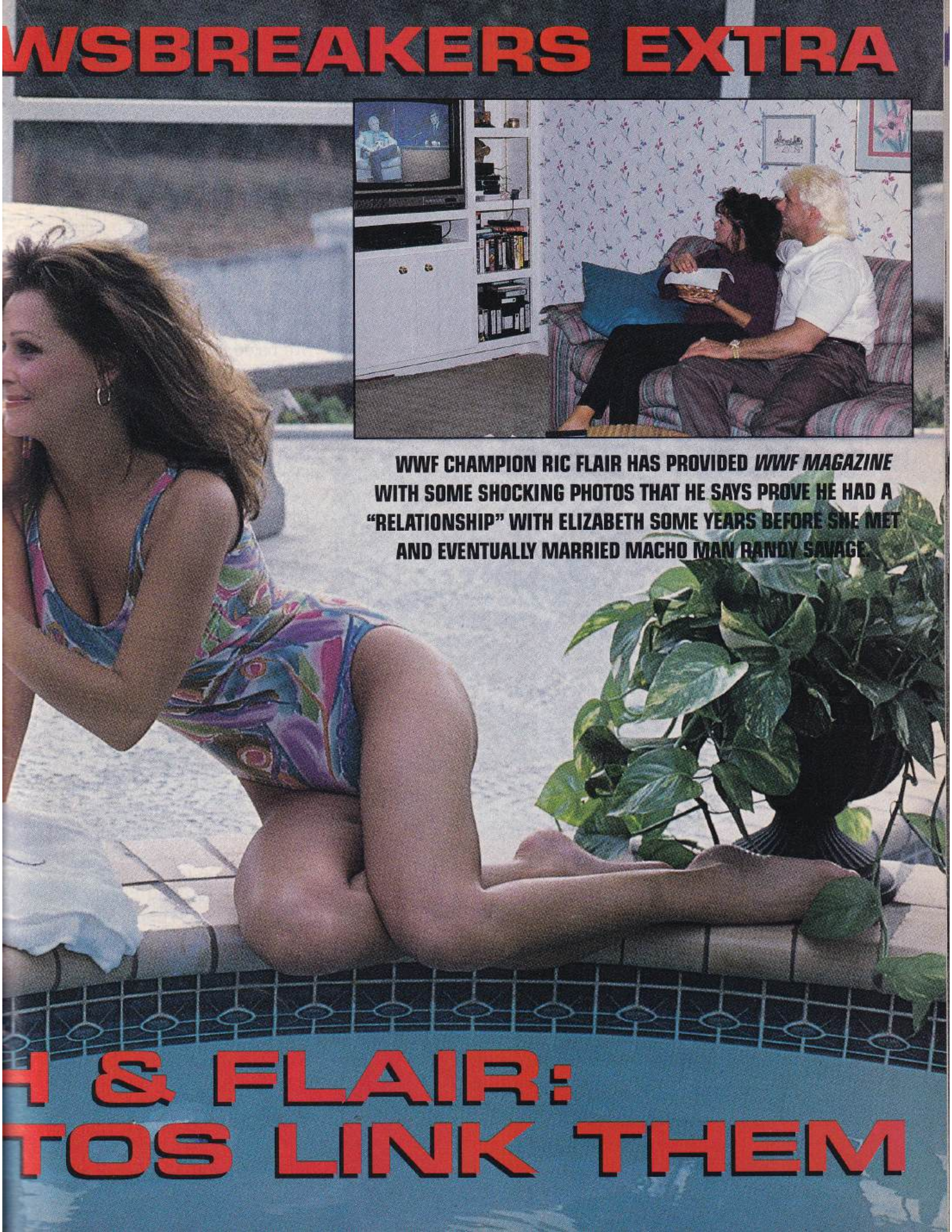

WWF CHAMPION RIC FLAIR HAS PROVIDED *WWF MAGAZINE* WITH SOME SHOCKING PHOTOS THAT HE SAYS PROVE HE HAD A "RELATIONSHIP" WITH ELIZABETH SOME YEARS BEFORE SHE MET AND EVENTUALLY MARRIED MACHO MAN RANDY SAVAGE.

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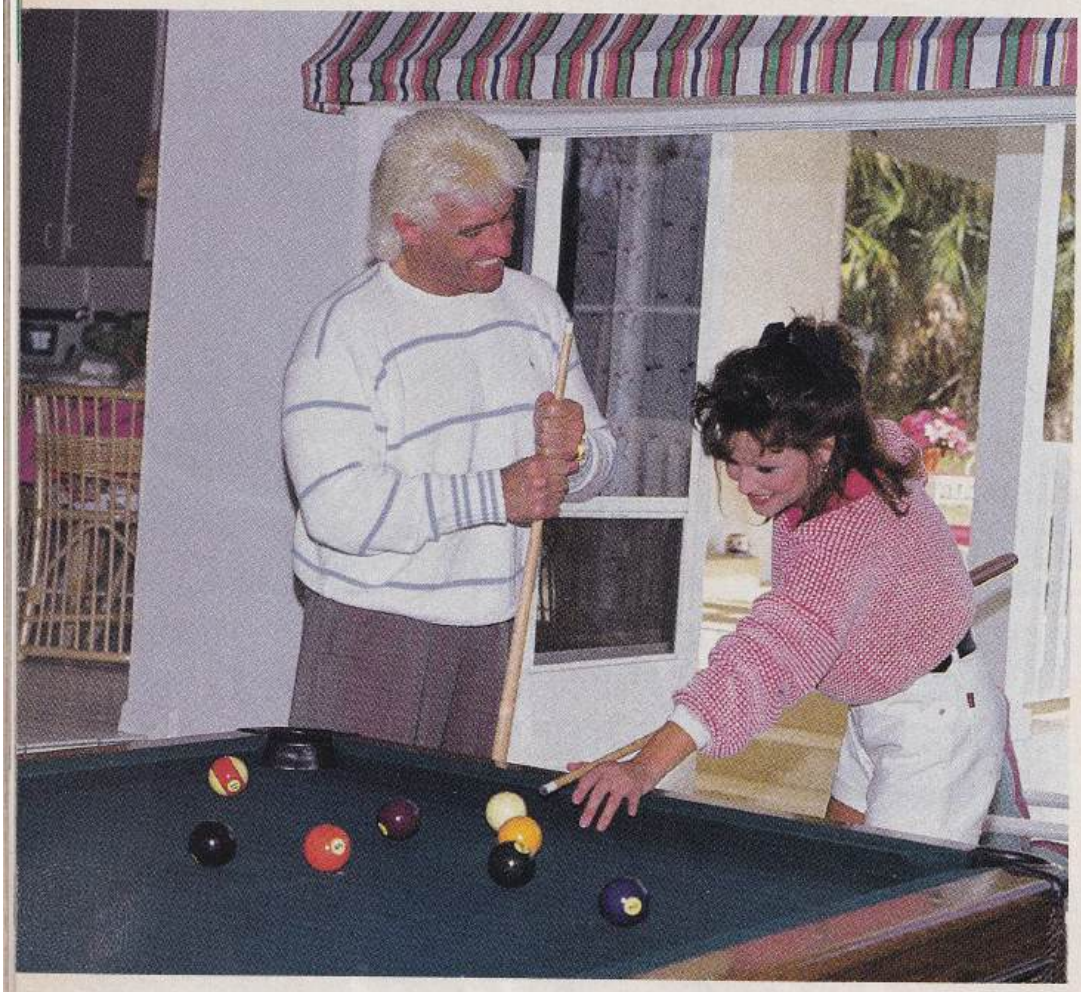

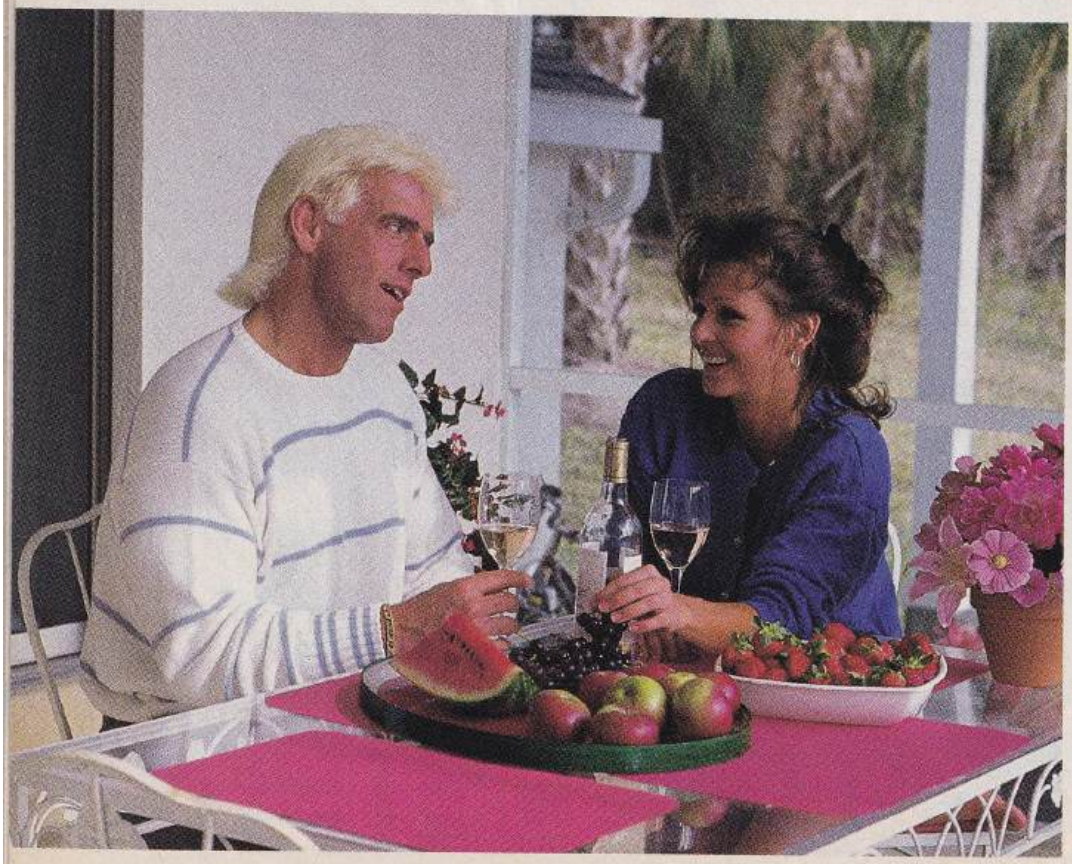

The photos, printed here, show Flair and Elizabeth together, sharing cozy private moments. She looks radiant; he, proud as a peacock. The photos hit us like a thunderclap. Elizabeth? Pure-hearted, virtuous Elizabeth? With the likes of Slick Ric Flair? We didn't want to believe it, but the photos said differently. There were Elizabeth and Flair. We hated to publish the photos, and Flair knew it. "What about your journalistic integrity?" he challenged. "Dump these, and I know you play favorites." We don't. So here are the photos. Flair has used us to deal Elizabeth and Savage a blow calculated to shatter them. His timing was especially cruel—and fiendishly clever. He struck at Savage in the way to scourge him most, just before they meet at *WrestleMania VIII.*

The photos came to our attention when Flair, with a leer on his face, showed up at our offices exactly at deadline and demanded, "Stop the presses, boys, because I've got a scoop for you. Take a look at these."

With that, Flair produced the photos. "Gentlemen," Flair smirked, "pick up your tongues because what you see isn't an illusion. It's the real deal. That's right; Slick Ric and Elizabeth were an item. Surprise, Macho Man. You never knew. Something else you never knew: I dumped her. You were second choice. I know this'll sound familiar, *Oh yeaa, dig it.*"

Flair pointed to one particular photo showing him and Elizabeth at poolside. Near them are two towels, one emblazoned with an "R," the other with an "L."

"Look at those towels," Flair crowed. "R and L—Ric and Liz.

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You know that about says it all.

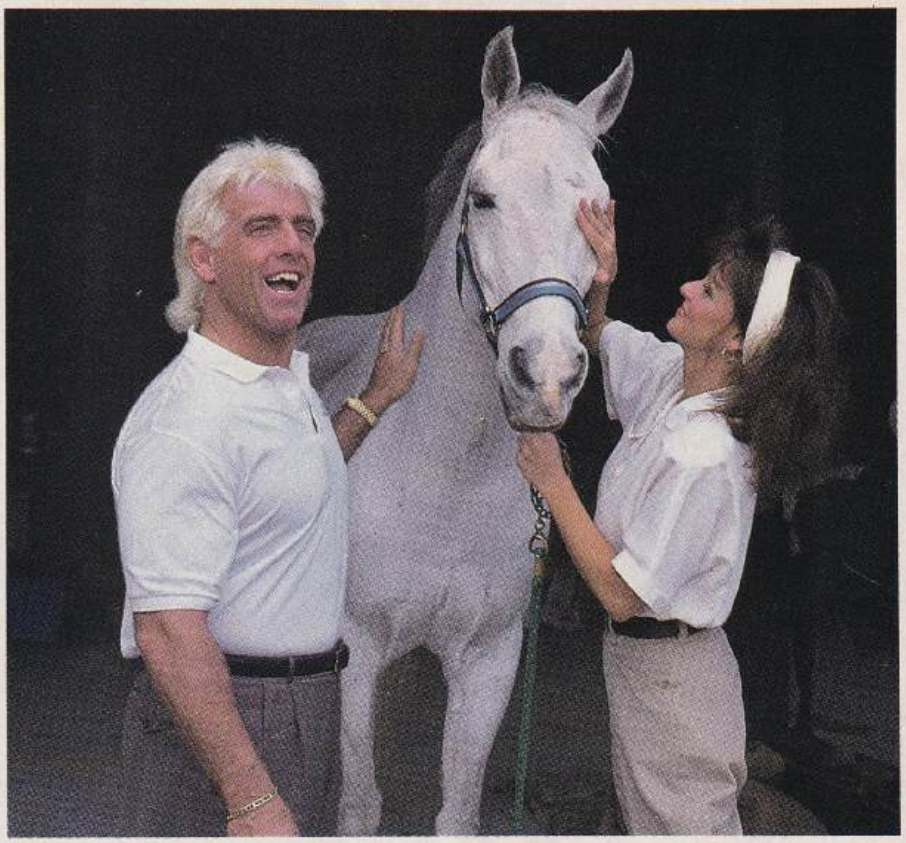
"Macho Man, like it or don't like it, I've got the evidence. As the old saying goes, a picture's worth a thousand words. How many words will be going through your head when you see these photos?"

Desperately trying to preserve Elizabeth's dignity, we tried to contact Savage. No use. They were away on vacation.

By the time you see this, so will have Savage. It will be the most heart-rending and tumultuous moment in his tempestuous life. Flair has used the most vicious sort of mind game, playing with what is the cornerstone of Savage's existence, what he values above all else—his wife and her dignity. Consumed by volcanic emotion, can Macho Man even think about *WrestleMania VIII* at this point?

Then again, with Savage engulfed by rage, will either he or Flair survive until *WrestleMania VIII?* Savage is capable of tracking down Flair and obliterating him. Savage is a violent man. Elizabeth has helped him keep his violence in check. Now Elizabeth—or, rather, Flair's effort to drag her name in the dirt—is the issue. There are some things in life you just *do not* do. Savage could well go out of control, throw caution to the winds and try to tear Flair limb from limb. Flair is cool, waiting for Savage to act. He could be Savage's iceman. Afire, Savage is ready to incinerate. The outcome could be gruesome. Savage could burn Flair to a crisp—or go up in smoke.

We've got some words of advice for the man who provided us with these photos: Ric Flair, maybe you've started a fire that you can't control. WF



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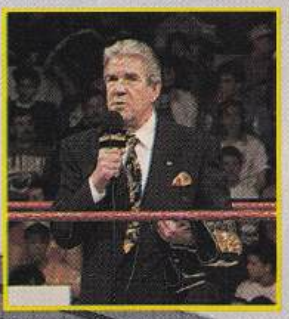
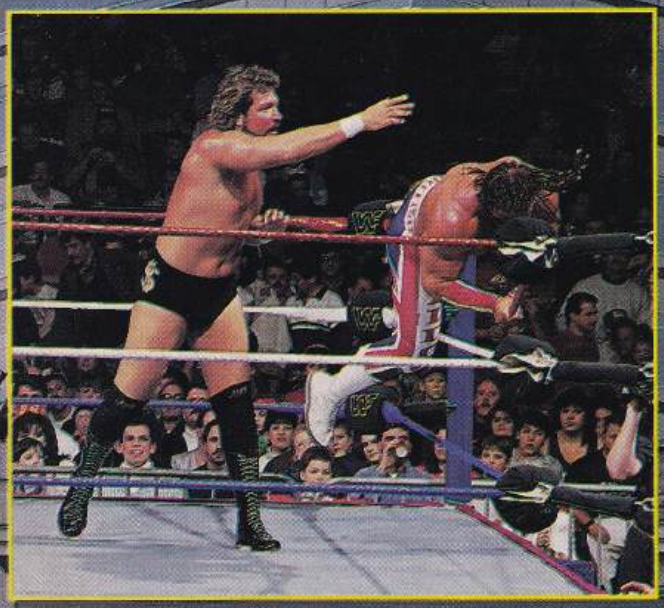
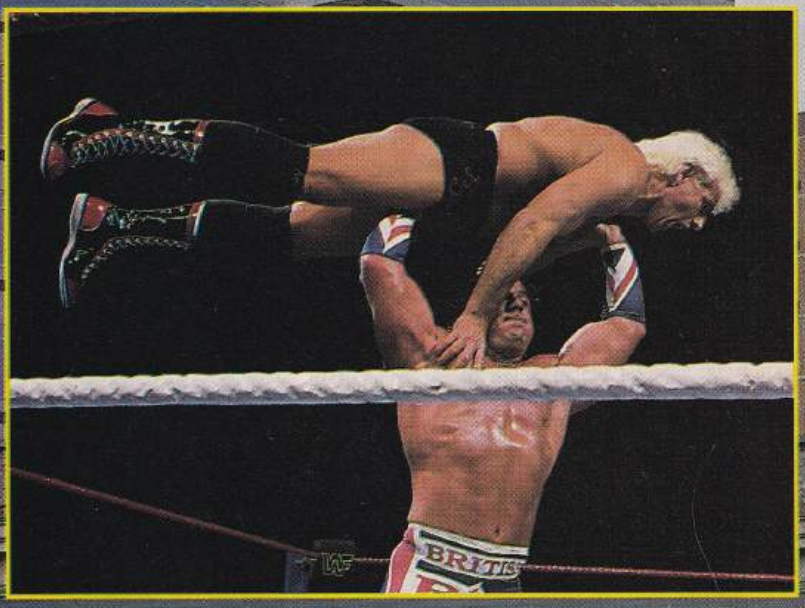
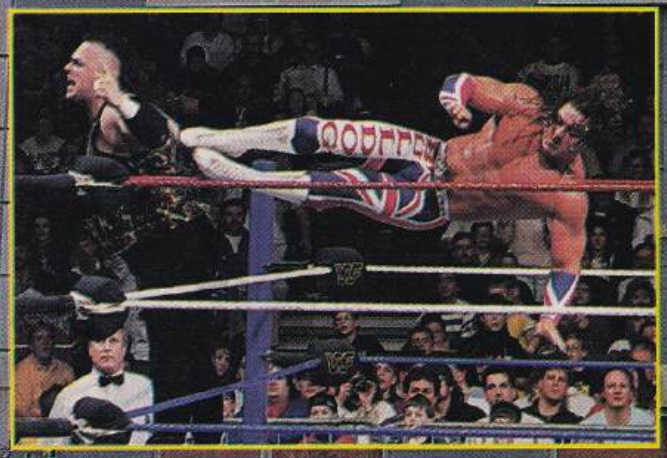
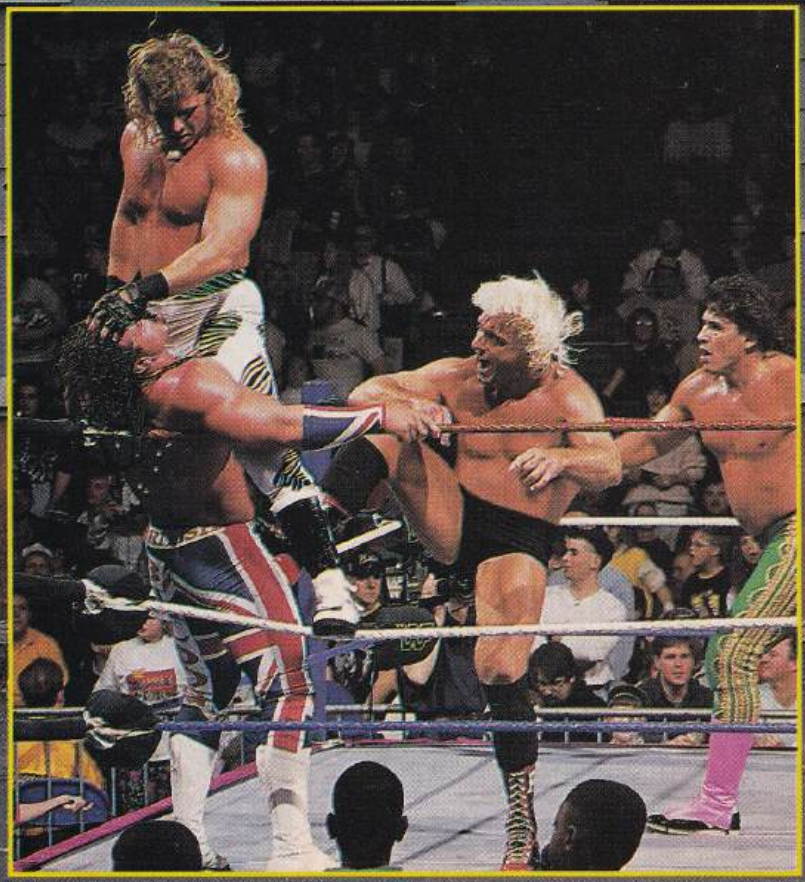


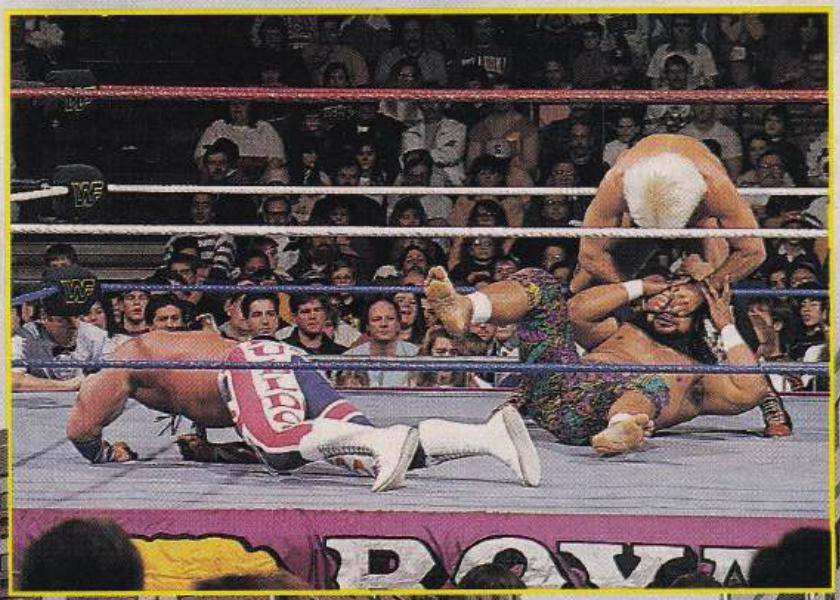








The 30-man Royal Rumble *was a rock 'em, sock 'em affair from the start. Million Dollar Man Ted DiBiase and the British Bulldog were the first two to enter the ring. The Bulldog quickly eliminated DiBiase and then focused his attention on Nasty Boy Sags and Ric Flair, who was the third contestant in the fray. Soon, the ring filled up with wrestlers, and they went at it tooth and nail. The Bulldog, as these photos suggest, endured an incredible pounding. He was double-teamed, punched and was trapped in a piledriver, courtesy of Haku.*



By Lou Gianfriddo and Keith Elliot Greenberg

FLAIR TAKES IT ALL AT THE ROYAL RUMBLE—NEW WWF CHAMPION CROWNED

Ric Flair lived up to two of his most common boasts at the *Royal Rumble*. The "60-Minute Man," as he likes to call himself, lasted over an hour in this 30-man free-for-all to prove that he truly is "the real world's champion"—taking the WWF Championship in the final moments.

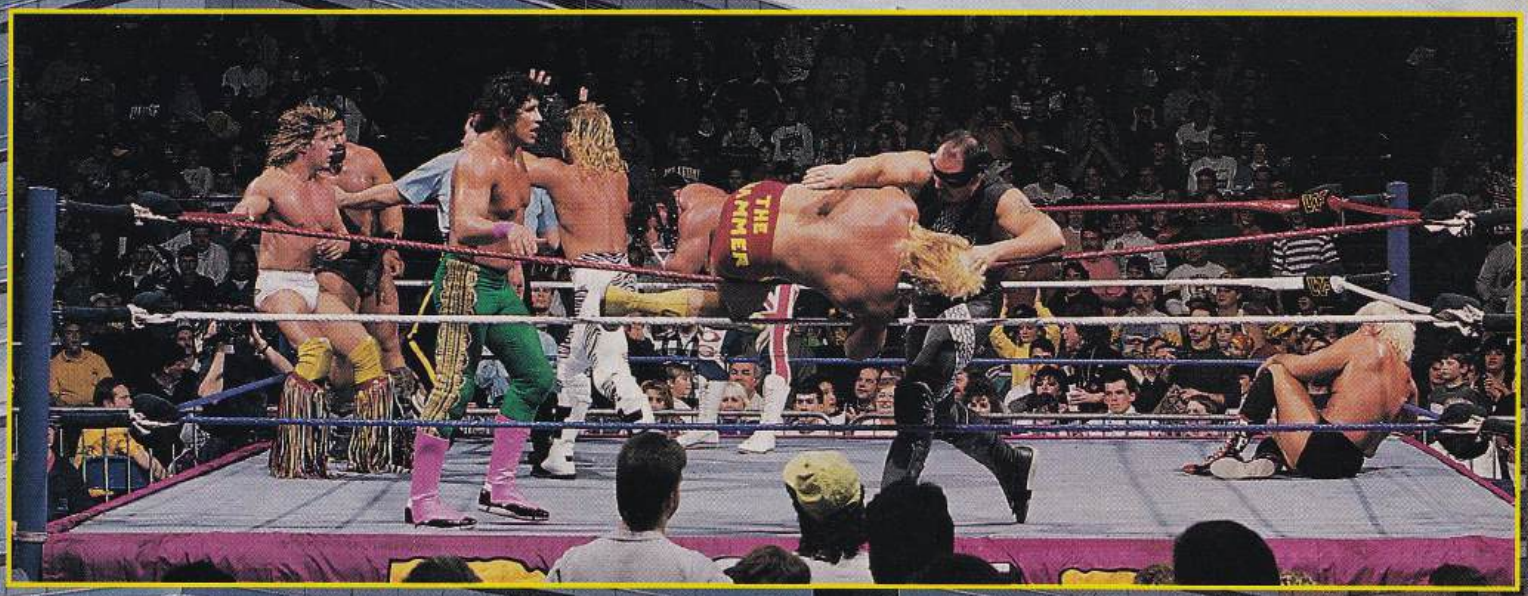
WWF President Jack Tunney had declared that the WWF Champion would be the winner of the *Royal Rumble* battle royal, a unique match in which all competitors draw numbers one through 30 before the bell rings. Numbers One and Two start the contest, and every two minutes thereafter a new warrior enters according to sequence. One by one, each wrestler goes over the top rope until the winner is left standing alone in the ring.

While traditionally numerous competitors have stood out at the *Royal Rumble*, this night belonged all to Flair. He was the third man in the ring—after the British Bulldog and Million Dollar Man Ted DiBiase—and the last to leave.

By the time Flair entered the battle, Bulldog had already eliminated DiBiase by clotheslining him over the top rope. Thus, Flair and Bulldog tore into each other in a brief but furious one-on-one confrontation. Flair was press-slammed, chopped and clotheslined twice, but not once did he ever contemplate quitting. He hung in the match, weathering the blows and waiting for his opportunity to attack.

The entrance of Nasty Boy Sags into the *Rumble* allowed Flair to hang back for a few seconds and take a breather while the others went at each other. But when the next man in, Haku, began mixing it up, Flair was back in the heat of the battle. Adopting the "every man for himself" philosophy that characterizes the *Royal Rumble*, Haku went at Flair with a vengeance, brutally kicking, chopping and headbutting the would-be WWF kingpin.

Shawn Michaels—the cocky former partner of Marty Jannetty in the Rockers—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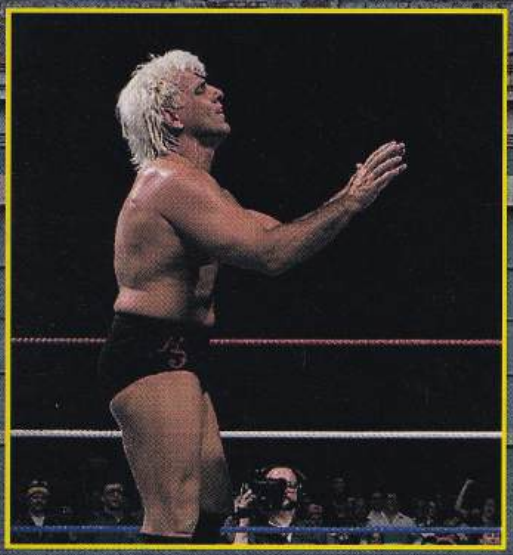
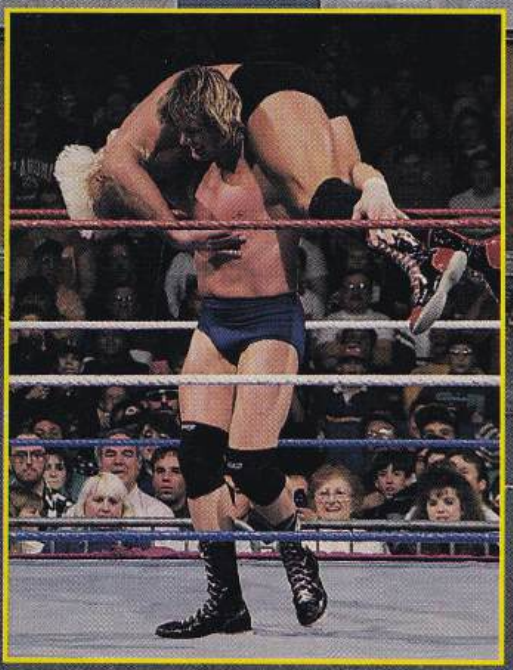
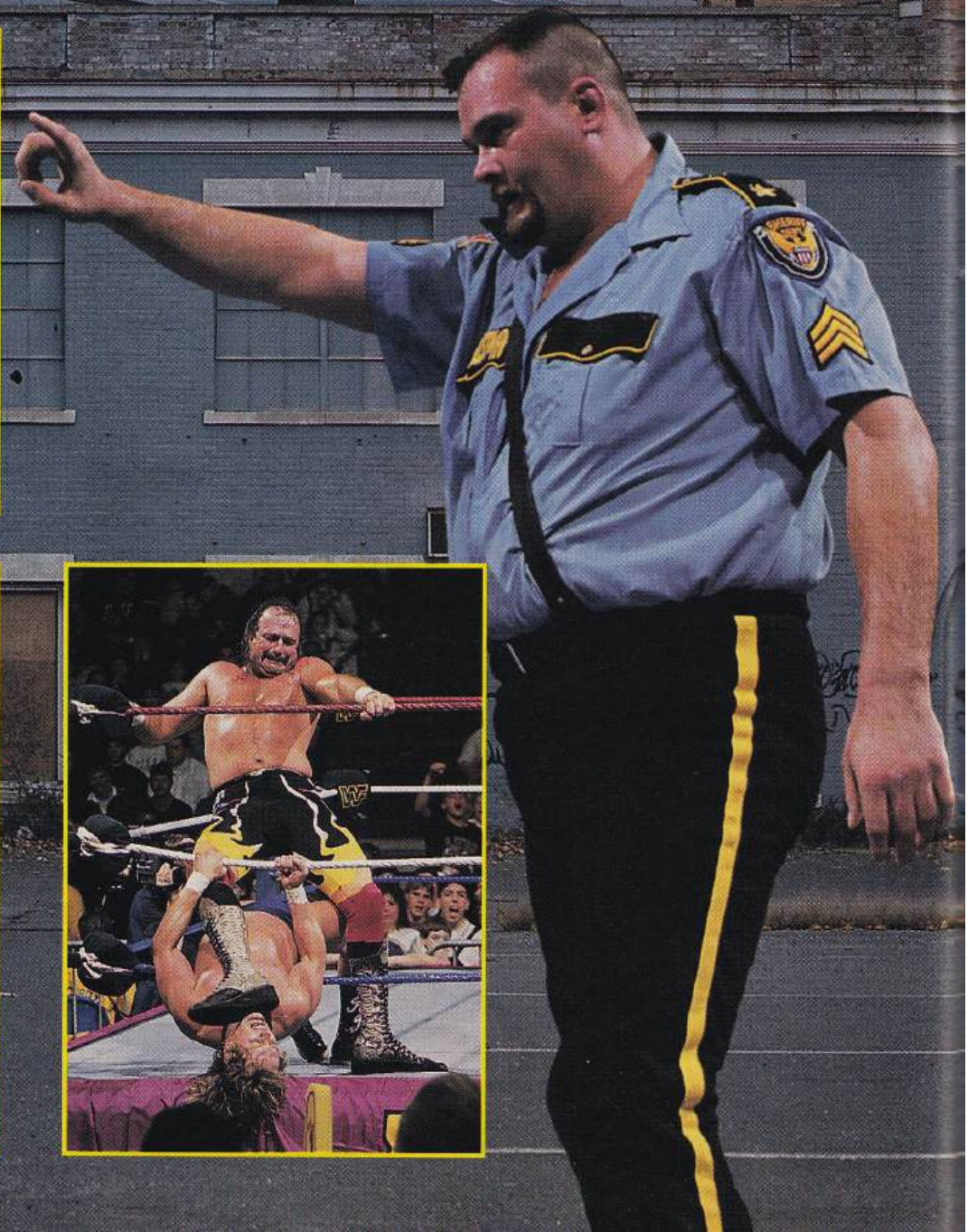
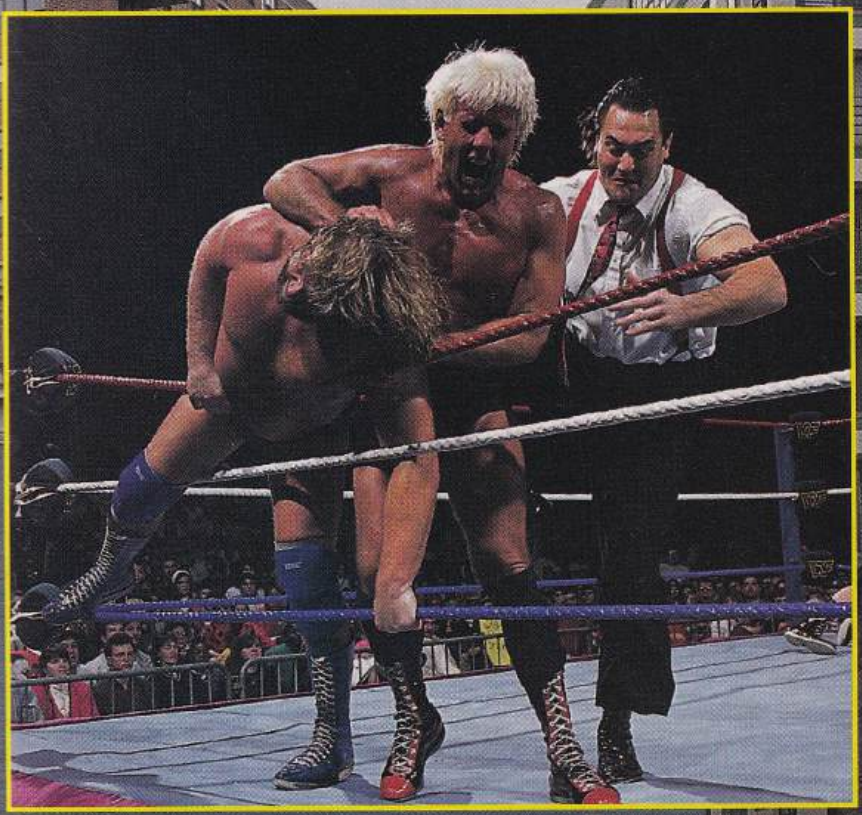
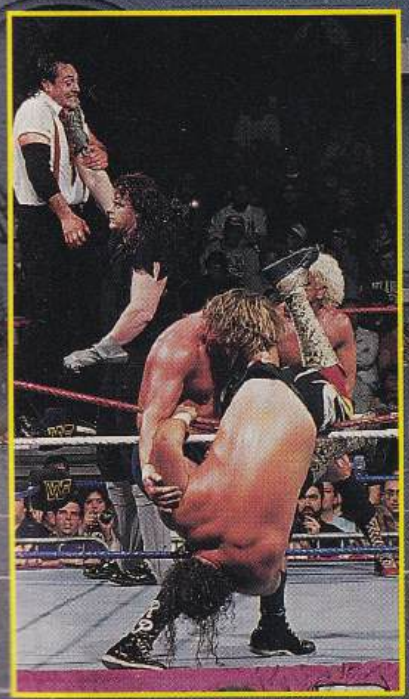


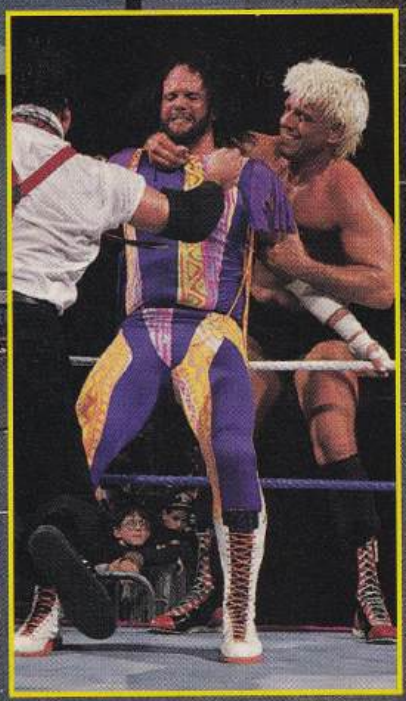




The action continued at a blinding pace. Throughout the battle, Flair sustained tremendous blows and often had to backpedal in order to save his hide from the likes of Rowdy Roddy Piper. Jake the Snake and the Big Boss Man entered the Rumble, *and they hammered anyone within an arm's reach of them. From there, Irwin R. Schyster, who's otherwise known as IRS, and Flair joined forces to double-team a variety of superstars, such as former WWF titleholder Macho Man Randy Savage.*







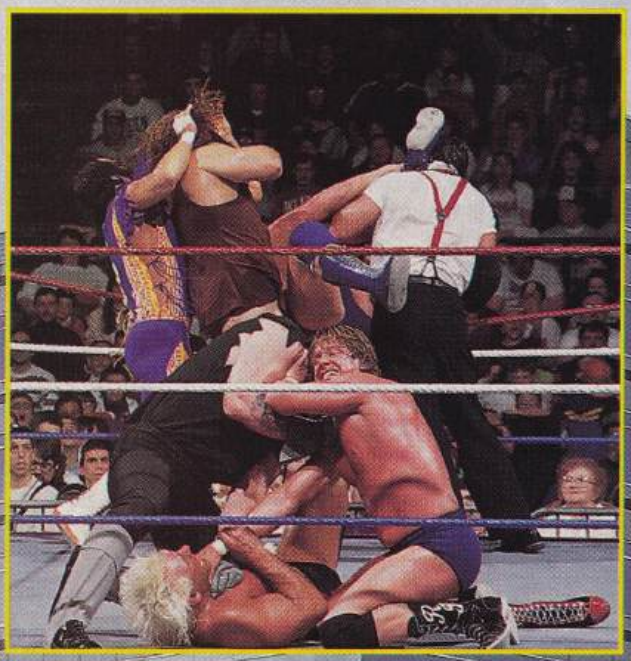
is a man experts often compare with Ric Flair, and at the *Royal Rumble*, Jannetty was out to prove that he was better. He came to the ring hoping to eliminate Flair quickly. "Slick Ric" was backdropped and crescent kicked, but he kept fighting on. Soon, Michaels was embroiled in combat with other wrestlers in the ring—prior to being eliminated completely—and Flair was showcasing his choice maneuvers, back suplexing El Matador.

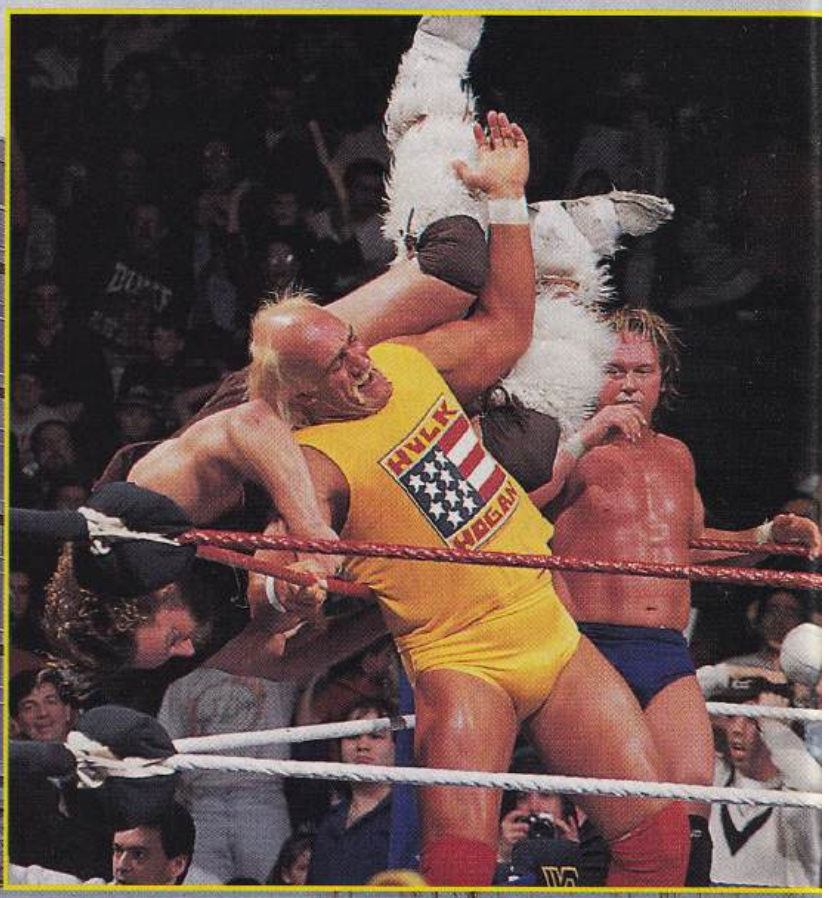
As the war raged on, it became apparent that Flair was the man to beat this night, and virtually every wrestler took his shot at one of the greatest—and craftiest—athletes to ever grace the squared circle. The Texas Tornado hit Flair hard with the twisting tornado punch, and Greg "The Hammer" Valentine trapped him in the figure-four leglock—generally Flair's favored finisher. But Flair steadfastly refused to give up. He used the chaos of the congested ring to his advantage, sometimes watching the action in a detached fashion, then striking at the opening he discovered. One such moment came when he backflipped the Bulldog out of the ring and ducked under the Big Boss Man's cross-bodyblock attempt, watching him sail over the ropes to the concrete floor below.

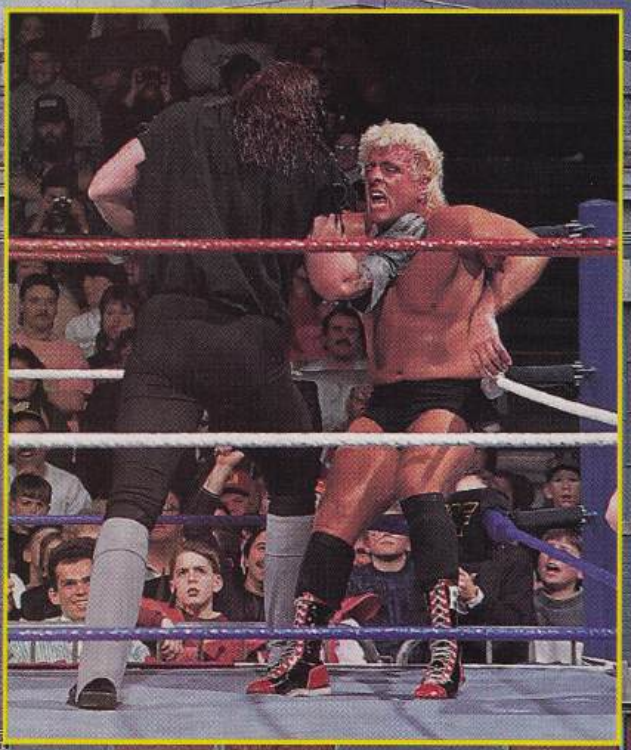
With Boss Man eliminated, Flair was, for a few seconds, the only man in the ring, as fans anxiously counted the seconds for the next competitor to enter. Exhausted, he fell to the mat, breathing heavily, trying to muster up the energy to continue the most important battle of his life.

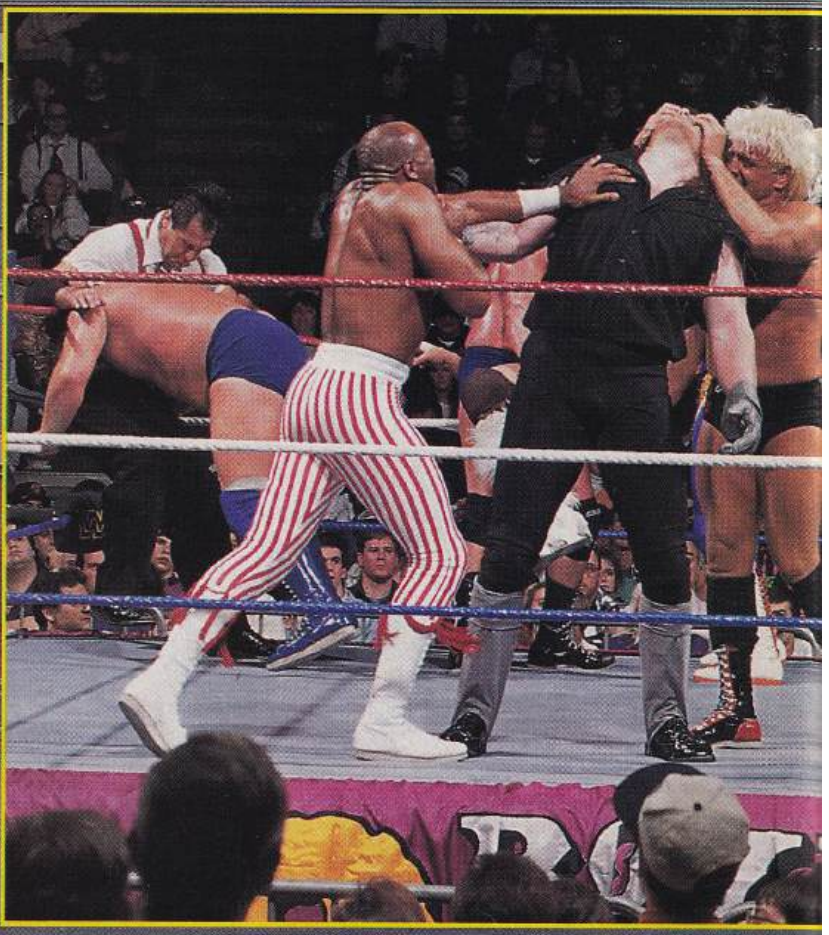
He needed his reserves when the curtain opened, and Rowdy Roddy Piper emerged. If any man was psyched up for the *Rumble*, it was Hot Rod. He had snared the Intercontinental Championship earlier on the card. Now, for the first time in WWF history, he had a chance to win both championships on the same night.

Piper hit the ring like a thunder clap, backdropping and kneelifting Flair. Flair tried to rejuvenate himself by sliding under the bottom rope to ringside, but Piper would not allow him a moment's respite. The Rowdy Scot clotheslined his rival on the arena floor, then tossed him back into

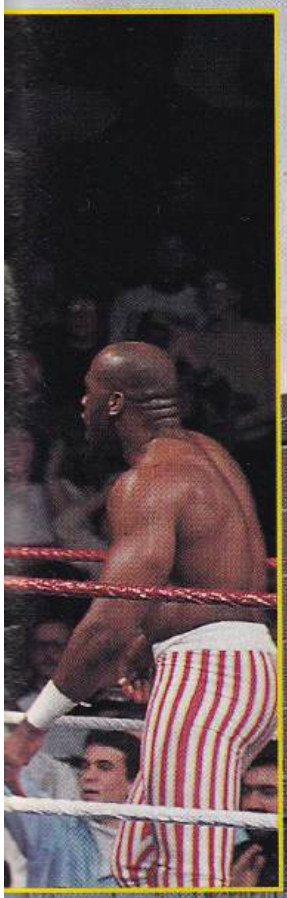


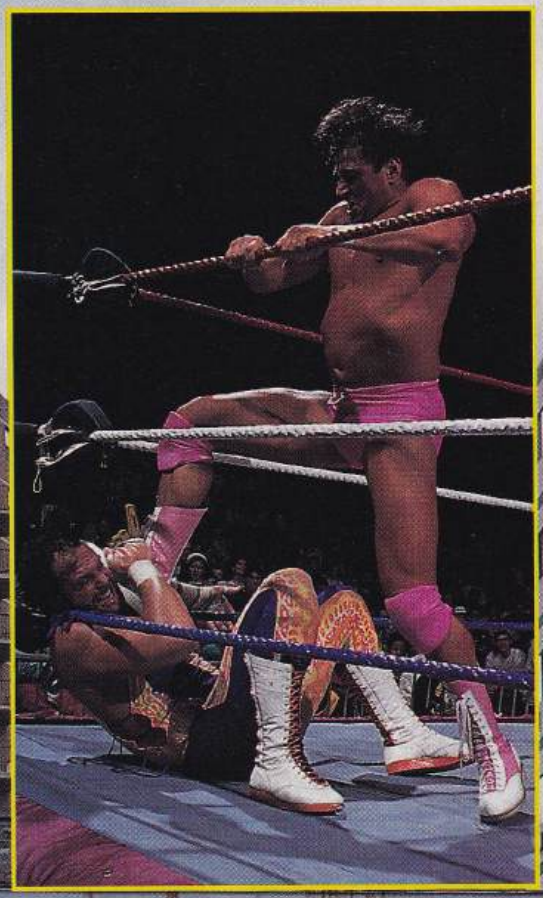


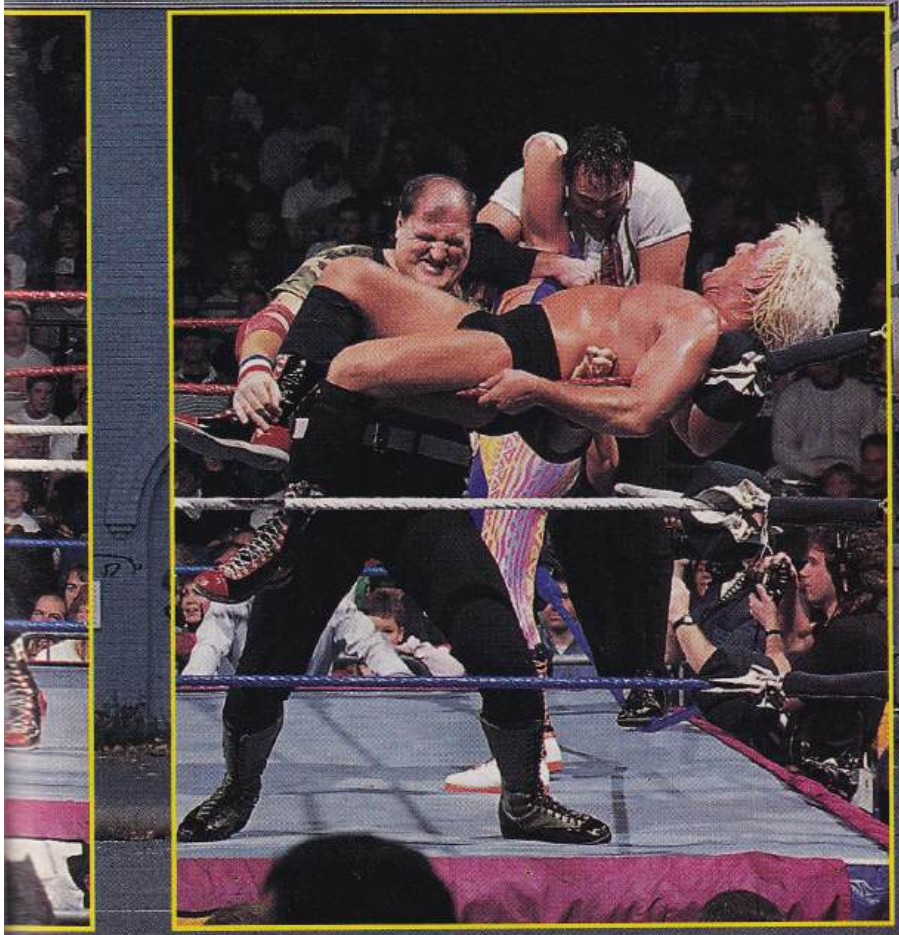




Indiscriminately, the wrestlers struck one another. When the Undertaker came into the ring, he directed his rage at Flair, choking him in the corner. Then the Hulk stormed the ring. He wanted to regain his title by eliminating several athletes in record time, including the massive Berzerker. As the war continued, the Model Rick Martel joined in, stomping away at the Macho Man. In other action, Sgt. Slaughter, who's accustomed to war, worked over Flair.







the ring. There, he dazzled Flair with an airplane spin and clamped on a sleeperhold—the same move that he used to defeat the Mountie earlier in the evening.

Just as Flair was on the verge of unconsciousness, Jake "The Snake" Roberts slithered into the squared circle. He analyzed the situation and then struck like a viper. First, he broke up the sleeperhold by attacking Piper. Flair seemed grateful for the help and—perhaps disoriented by the beatings suffered throughout the match—forgot the character of the Snake. When Jake offered to help Flair up from the canvas, Flair extended his hand. Wrong move! Exhibiting clearly that one should never trust a serpent, Flair was soon the victim of a snakebite in the form of an extremely brutal short-arm clothesline.

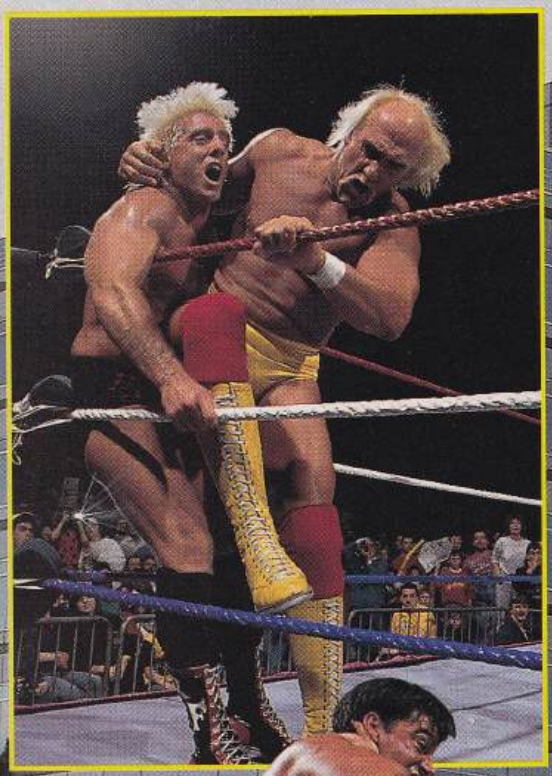
Flair's worries only increased from there. Now, the toughest athletes in the WWF were piling into the ring feeling fresh and ready to dominate: Macho Man Randy Savage, the Undertaker, Sid Justice, Sgt. Slaughter and Hulk Hogan.

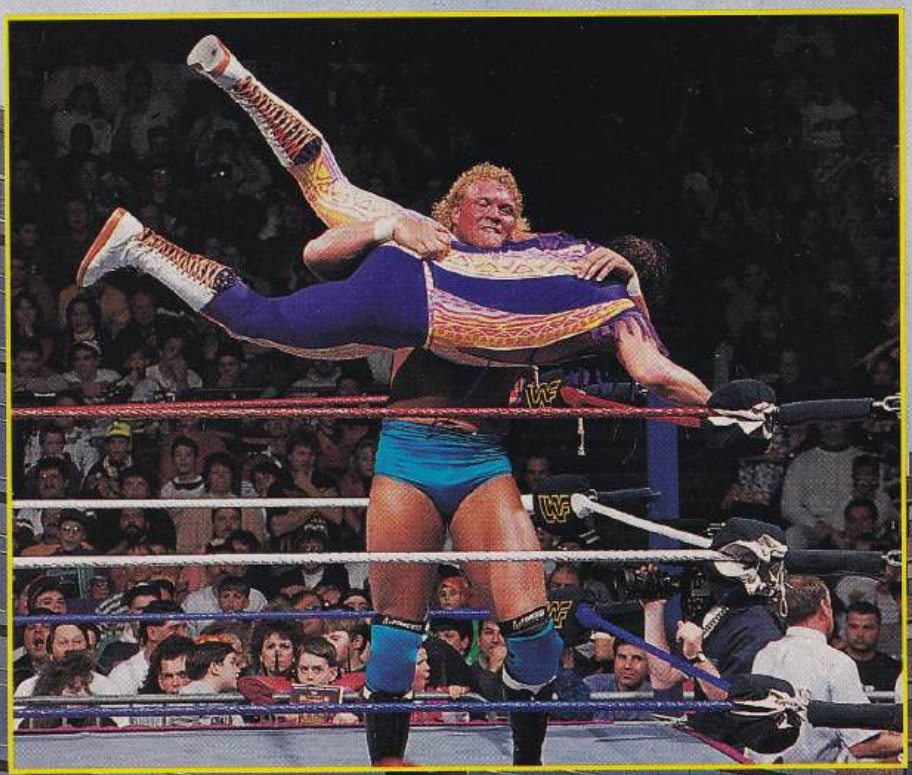
Flair met each man head-on. At one point, he knocked Savage onto the mat and, going to the ring apron, tried to suplex him over the ropes and onto the arena floor. Realizing that the move could permanently injure him, Macho Man fought back by using his last ounce of strength to reverse the maneuver and send Flair falling into the middle of the ring.

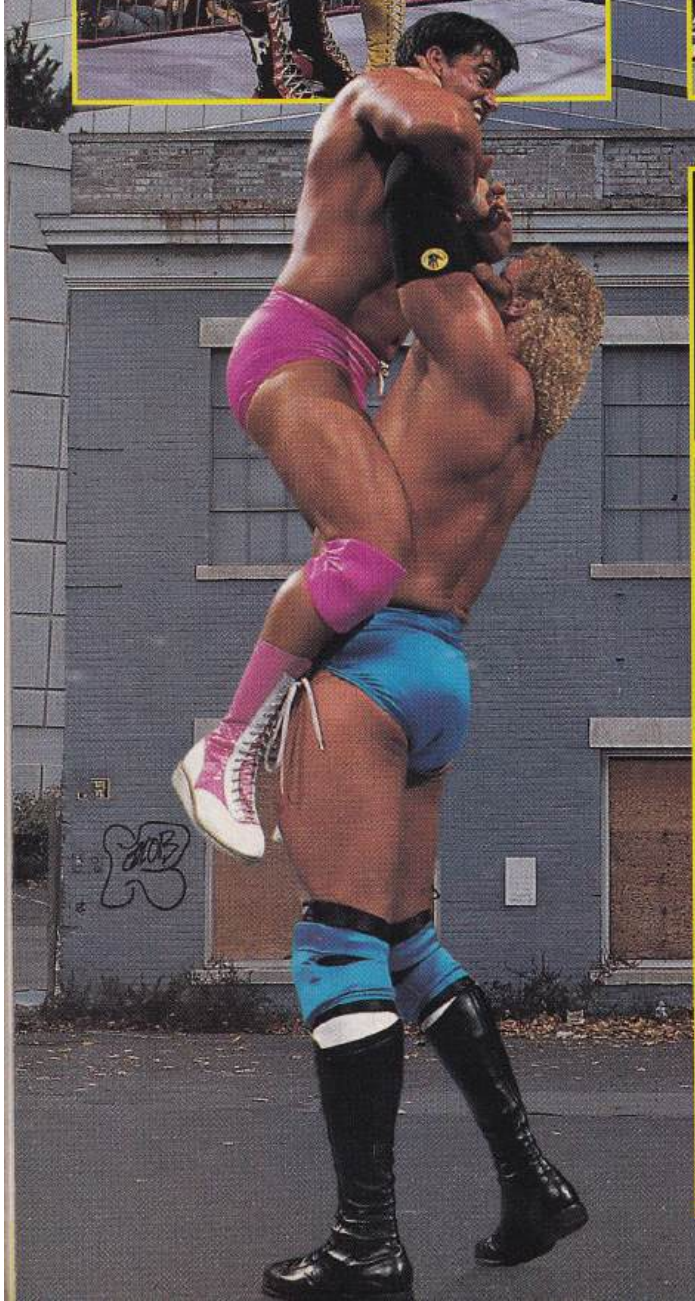
No sooner was Flair on the canvas than Undertaker and Piper were on top of him, each trying to choke Flair and one another.

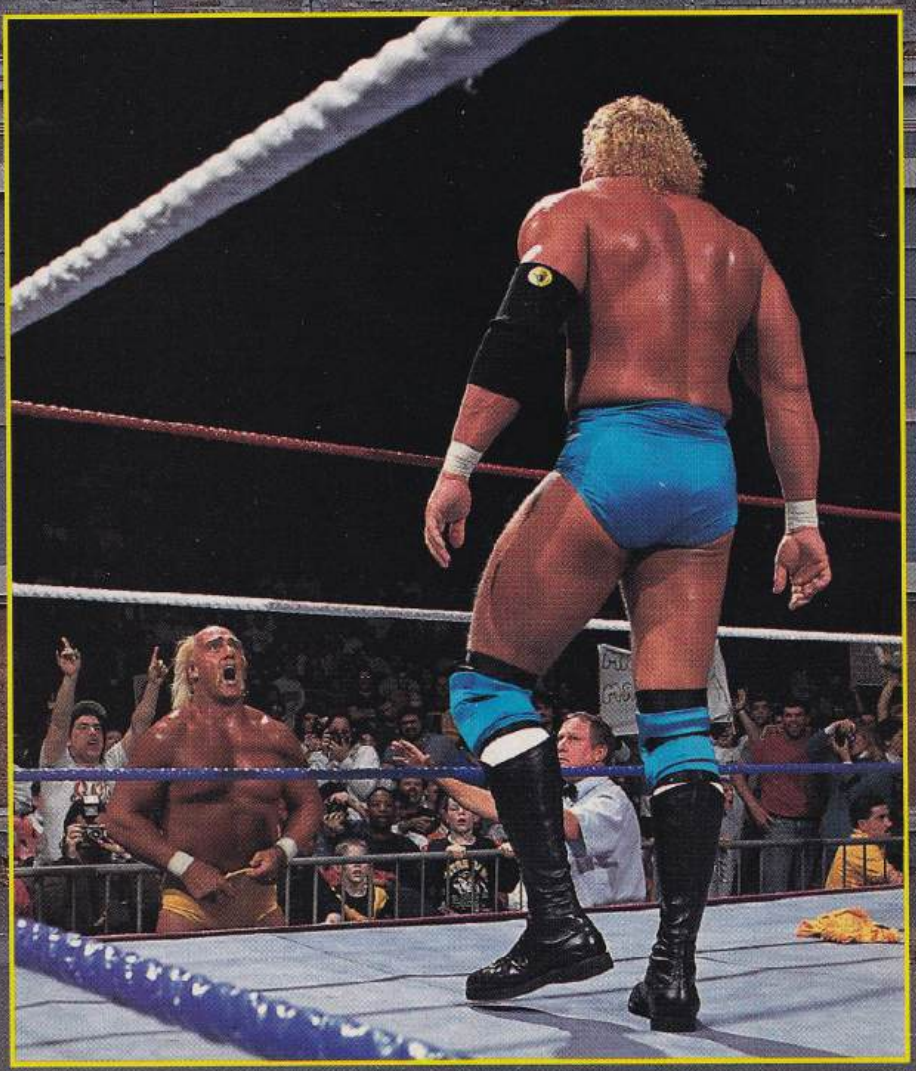
Amazingly, Flair got up from the mat and, rather than shrink into the corner, initiated a skirmish with none other than the immortal Hulk Hogan.

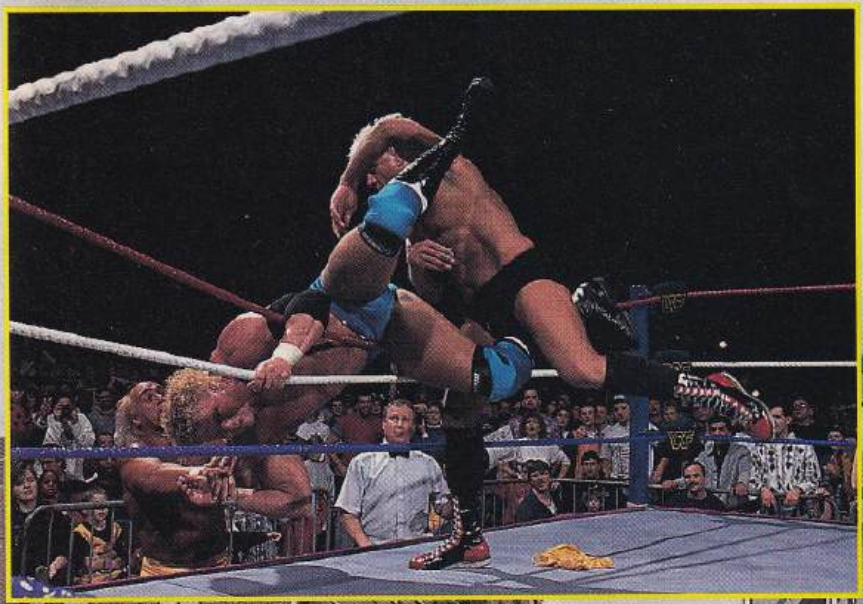
At the end, Flair was left in the ring with Hogan, Savage and Sid Justice. Showing himself to be as strong a calculator as he is a survivor, Flair more or less let his opponents undo themselves. When Sid hoisted up Savage near the ropes, Flair ambushed Justice from the rear, forcing him to release Macho Man—right onto the arena floor. The Hulkster then grabbed hold of Flair and hurled him across the ring. Flair twirled around in midair as he hit the buckles hard,



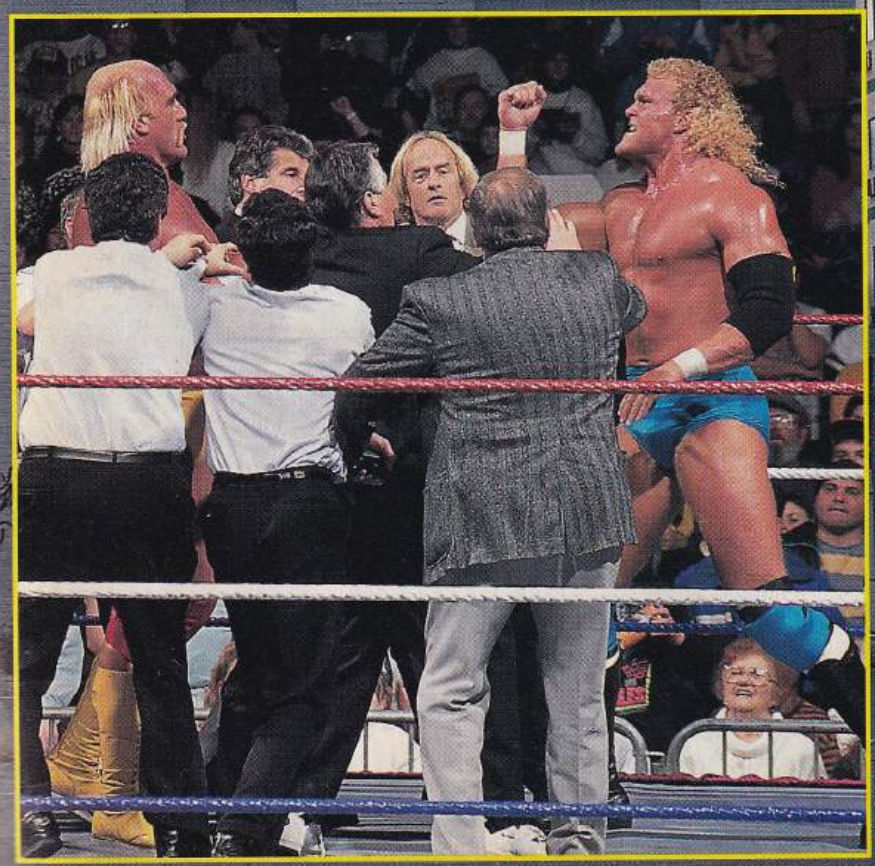








Moments after Sid Justice came into the ring, then only four wrestlers remained: Sid, Hulk, Savage and Flair—who, at that time, had been competing for over 61 minutes. Hogan battered Flair in the corner, while Justice wrestled and eliminated Savage. Then Sid turned and ousted the Hulkster. Livid, Hogan grabbed Justice's arm. As Hogan and Justice tangled, Flair came up from Sid's blind side and hoisted him over the ropes to become the WWF Champion. Afterward, Hogan and Justice stormed the ring and were about to square off, when referees and officials separated them.



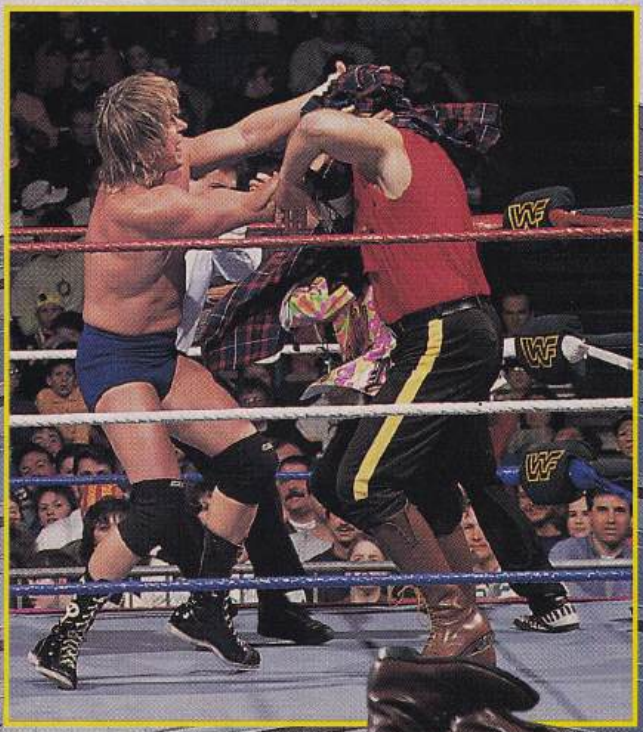
then crashed to the ring apron. Hogan was on top of him swiftly, delivering one punishing blow after another. The Hulkamaniacs on hand at Albany's Knickerbocker Arena exploded in boisterous cheers, sure that their hero would triumph again. No one anticipated what would next transpire. Justice snuck behind the Hulkster and shoved him out of the ring.

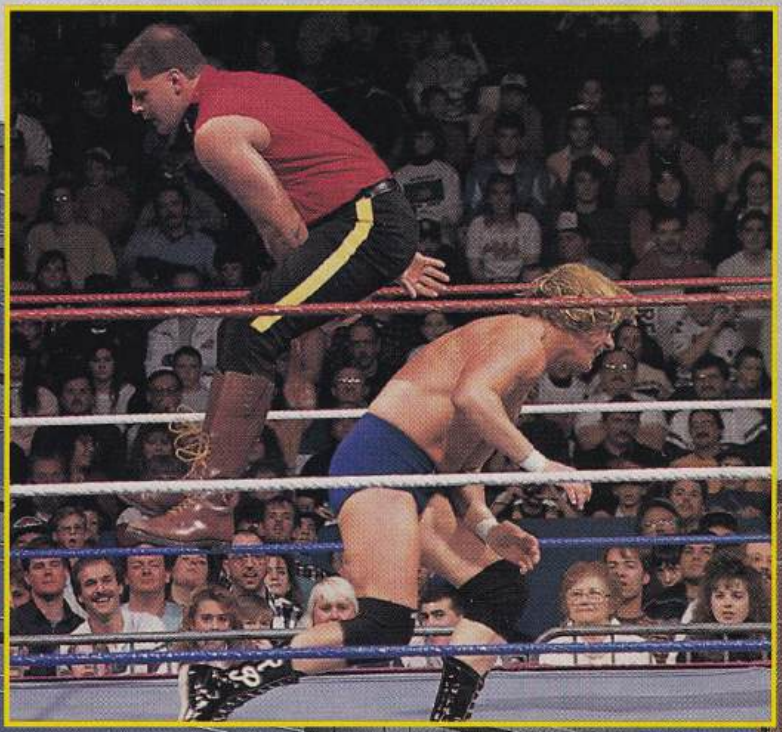
"I told you, big boy, Justice stands alone," Sid said. Infuriated by the attack by the man he believed was his ally, Hogan reached up, grabbed Sid's arm and tried to pull him to the arena floor. Meanwhile, Flair regained his senses, noticed that Justice was off-balance and immediately pounced. As Hogan pulled on the limb, Flair pushed Sid from behind. Sid hit the floor—exchanging threats and accusations with the Hulkster—and Flair raised his hand in a sign of victory.

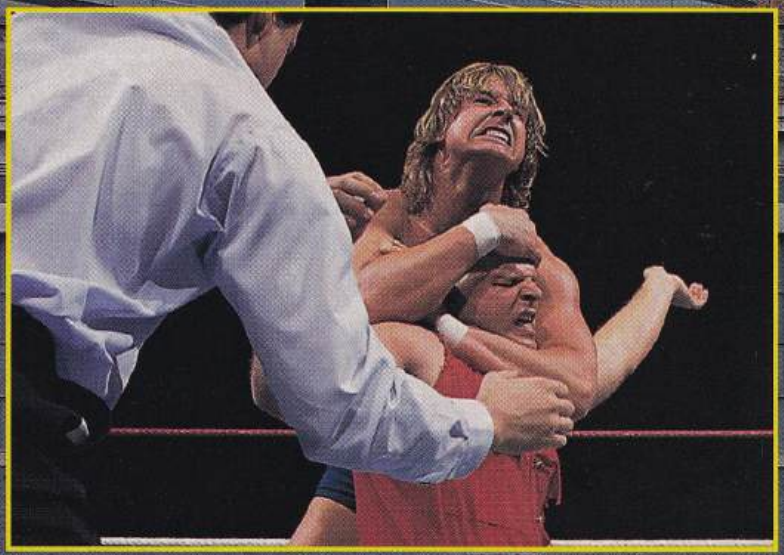
He had won the WWF Championship and—like him or not—fans knew they'd have to heed his oft-repeated words: "Learn to live with it."

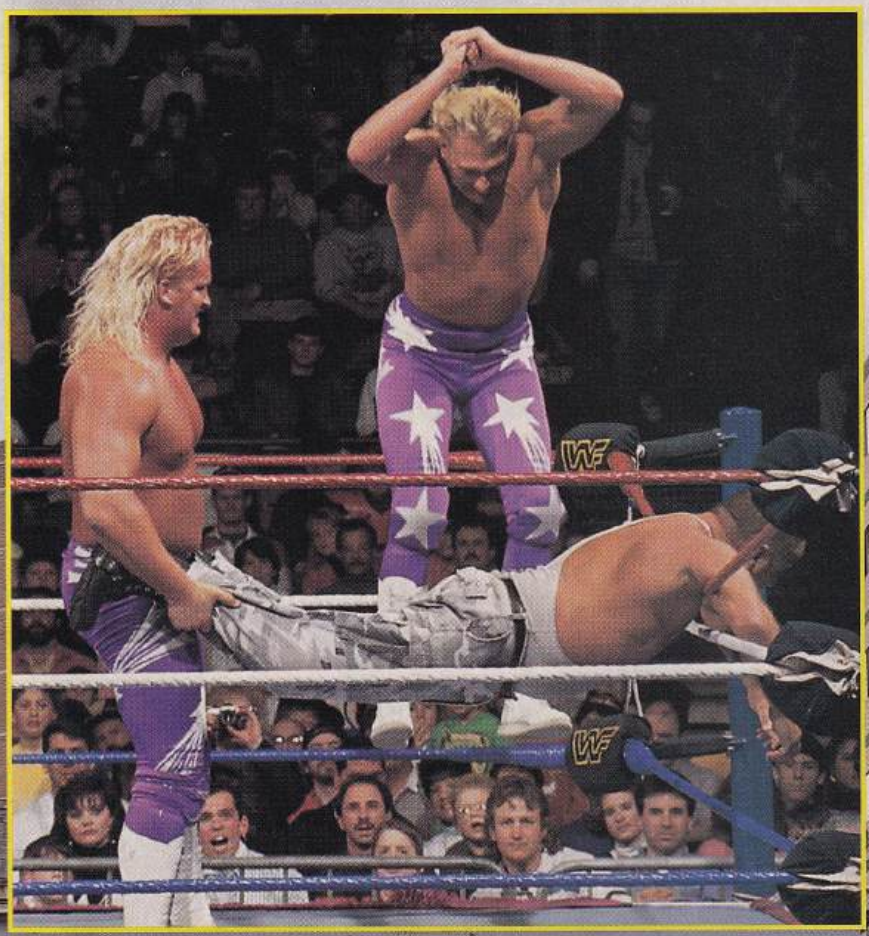
Order of Entry into the Royal Rumble. 1. British Bulldog 2. The Million Dollar Man 3. Ric Flair 4. Nasty Boy Sags 5. Haku 6. Shawn Michaels 7. El Matador 8. Barbarian 9. Texas Tornado 10. Repo Man 11. Greg "The Hammer" Valentine 12. Nikolai Volkoff 13. Big Boss Man 14. Hercules 15. Rowdy Roddy Piper 16. Jake the Snake 17. Hacksaw Jim Duggan 18. IRS 19. Superfly Jimmy Snuka 20. The Undertaker 21. Macho Man Randy Savage 22. The Berzerker 23. Virgil 24. Colonel Mustafa 25. The Model 26. Hulk Hogan 27. Skinner 28. Sgt. Slaughter 29. Sid Justice 30. Warlord

Order of Eliminations 1. Million Dollar Man by a British Bulldog clothesline. 2. Sags after a Bulldog dropkick. 3. Haku eliminated by the Bulldog. 4. Nikolai Volkoff eliminated by Repo Man via a backflip. 5. Valentine eliminated by Repo. 6. Repo ousted by Big Boss Man. 7. Bulldog eliminated by Ric Flair. 8. Texas Tornado eliminated by Flair. 9, 10. El Matador and Shawn Michaels eliminated each other. 11. Barbarian eliminated by Hercules. 12. Hercules clotheslined out by Boss Man. 13. Flair eliminated Boss Man after he missed with a flying bodypress. 14. Superfly Snuka clotheslined to the floor by the Undertaker. 15. Jake the Snake eliminated after the Macho Man struck with a high knee. 16. Col. Mustafa eliminated by the Macho Man. 17. The Undertaker eliminated by a Hulk Hogan clothesline. 18. Hulk backflipped the Berzerker to the floor. 19, 20. Hacksaw Jim Duggan and Virgil eliminated each other. 21. Rowdy Roddy Piper and the Model eliminated Skinner. 22. Sgt. Slaughter eliminated by Sid Justice. 23. Piper yanked IRS to the floor by his tie. 24. Sid and the Hulkster eliminated Warlord. 25, 26. Piper and the Model eliminated by Sid. 27. Flair kneed Sid, which caused him to release the Macho Man to the floor. 28. Sid ousted Hulk. 29. Flair eliminated Sid. 30. Winner and new WWF Champion: Ric Flair.

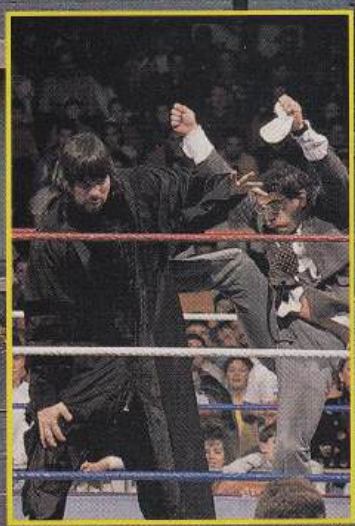








In other Royal Rumble *action, Roddy Piper, who substituted for an ailing Bret "Hit Man" Hart, wrestled the Mountie for the Intercontinental Belt. The Mountie, who had won the title from Hart two days earlier in Springfield, Massachusetts, found himself outclassed by Piper. Hot Rod won the title, his first ever, when he enmeshed the Mountie in a sleeperhold. In tag team action, the Beverly Brothers, Beau and Blake, bested Bushwhackers Luke and Butch when Blake covered Butch for the decision.*



ROWDY RODDY PIPER VS. THE MOUNTIE FOR THE INTERCONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Two days prior to the *Rumble*, the Mountie shocked everyone when he defeated Bret "Hit Man" Hart for the Intercontinental Championship in Springfield, Massachusetts. Hart, who defied doctor's orders by wrestling with the flu and a 104-degree fever, suffered a tremendous beating at the hands of the Mountie after the bell. Assuredly, Bret would have been left for dead had not Piper come to his rescue.

Thus, a match was signed between Piper and the Mountie. Piper wrestled a vintage contest. He was all business and pummeled the Mountie. Although the Mountie made an impressive comeback, he could not stop the fiery Scotsman.

In the end, Hot Rod foiled the Mountie's chicanery and trapped him in a sleeperhold. Within seconds, the Mountie was out cold, and Piper was declared the new Intercontinental Champion.

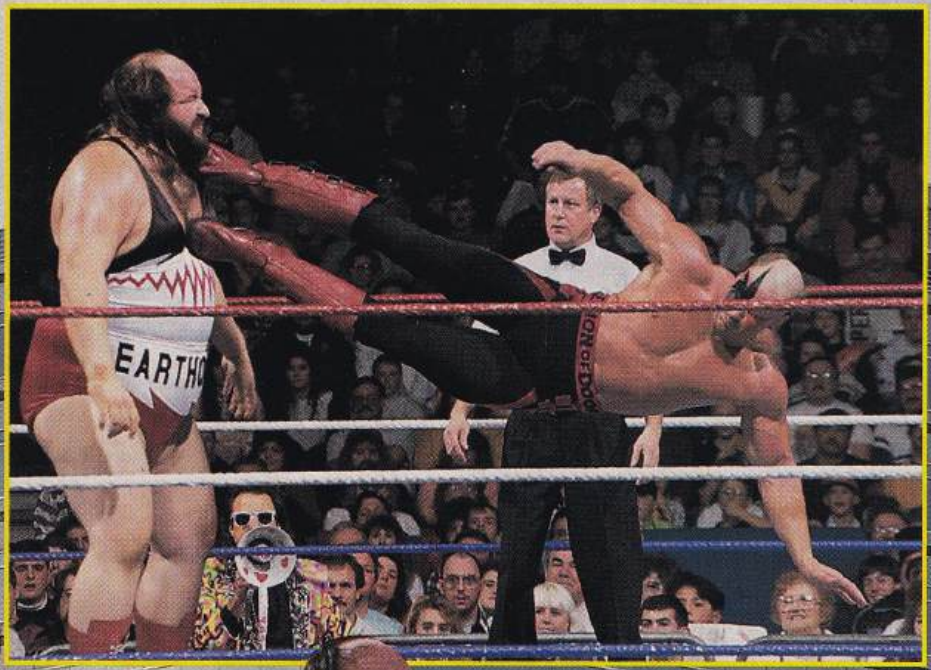
THE BUSHWHACKERS (WITH JAMISON) VS. THE BEVERLY BROTHERS (WITH THE GENIUS)

This match was as wild as expected. Jamison—hardly the world's premier athlete—was "adopted" by the Bushwhackers, Luke and Butch, after Beau and Blake Beverly brutalized him several weeks earlier.

The Beverlys and their manager, the Genius, hoped to continue the torment in this contest. In the midst of the action, the Genius paraded up to the ill-dressed Jamison and slapped him.

In the ring, the Beverlys endured tremendous punishment from their unpredictable foes, including a double clothesline and double schoolboy trip. But, using the unsavory tactics that have secured them victories over countless adversaries, the Beverlys pulled the match out at the last moment. While Luke was arguing with the referee, Blake grabbed Butch, and Beau lowered an axhandle on the New Zealander from the top rope for the win.

One consolation for Jamison: He got to batter the Genius a bit when the irate Bushwhackers grabbed him after the bell.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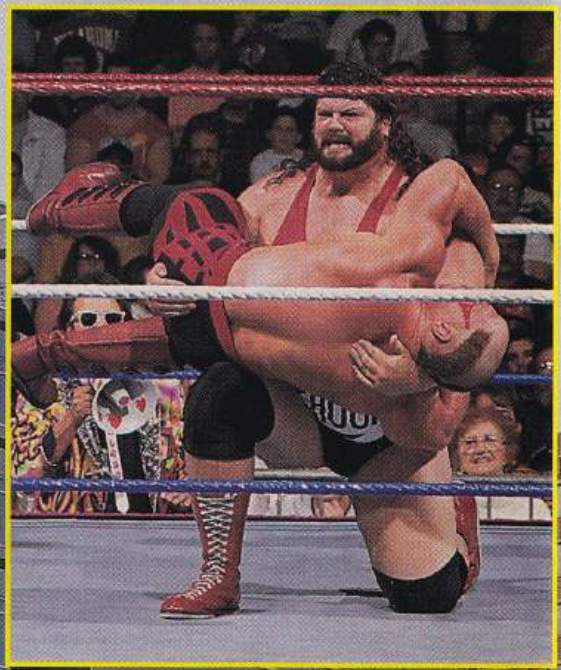

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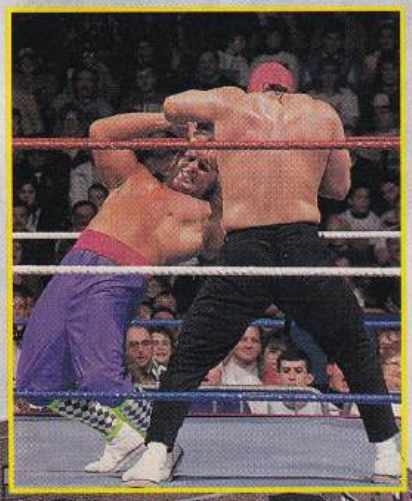
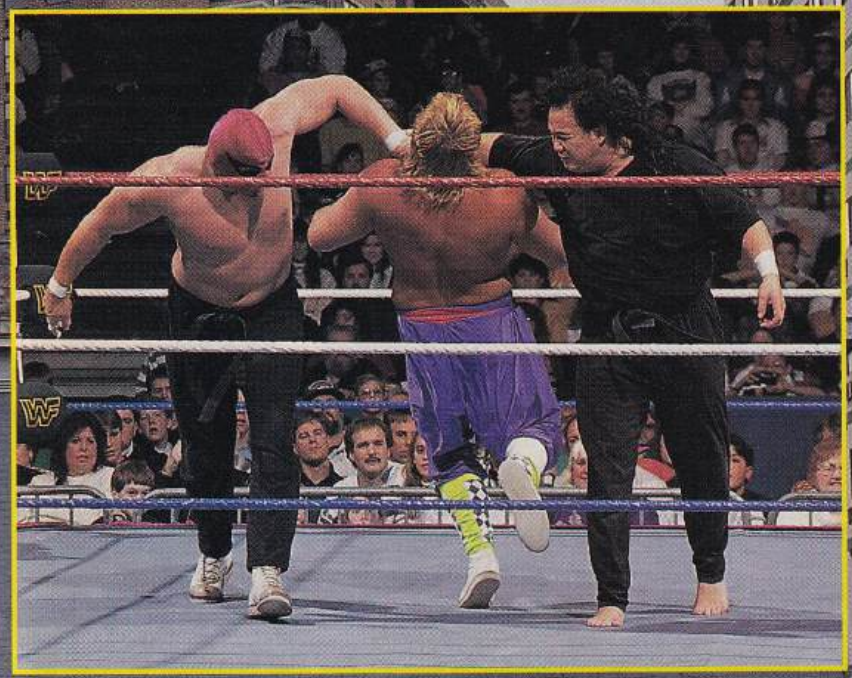
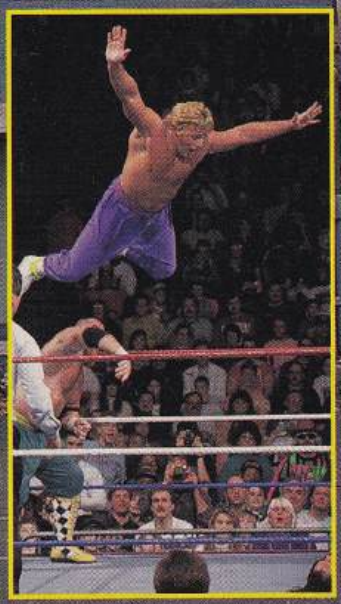




The WWF Tag Team Title was on the line when Champions Legion of Doom—Hawk and Animal—collided with the Natural Disasters—Earthquake and Typhoon. The match was a brawl, as both teams exchanged dropkicks and backbreakers. The violence spilled to the floor, where the Disasters and LOD laced into each other. Typhoon raced back into the ring before the count of 10. The New Foundation, Jim Neidhart and the Rocket Owen Hart, made their pay-per-view debut and outwrestled the Orient Express, Kato and Tanaka, when Owen pinned Tanaka.



LEGION OF DOOM VS. NATURAL DISASTERS FOR THE WWF TAG TEAM TITLE

This feud started at *SummerSlam* and only seems to intensify with time. All four athletes were anxious to rip into one another long before the bell sounded. The fact that the Legion of Doom, Animal and Hawk, entered the contest with the WWF Tag Team Title in their possession seemed to be of little relevance to the Disasters, Earthquake and Typhoon. Destruction seemed to be everyone's No. 1 priority.

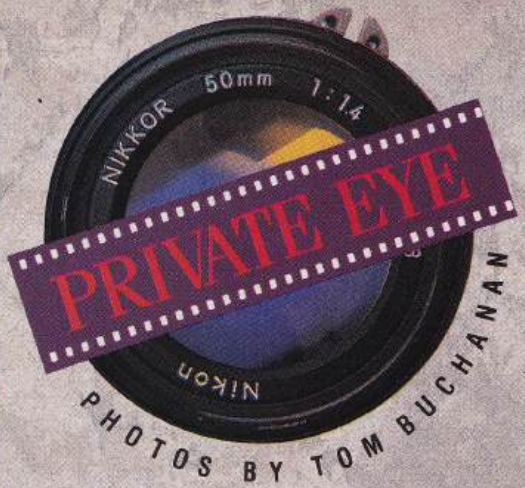
From the second the bell sounded, these two gigantic duos tore into each other. The Disasters wounded the Legion of Doom with shoulderblocks, thunderous forearms and big kicks to the sternum. The Legion of Doom rallied and scored with double-clotheslines out of the corner, dropkicks and heavy chops.

After many minutes of battle, the action spilled to the floor, where the tandems wildly brawled. Hawk flew off the apron and dropped Typhoon with a clothesline while Earthquake and Animal exchanged furious blows near the ringpost. When Earthquake shifted his attention to Hawk, Typhoon slid under the ring ropes and secured the win via a count-out.

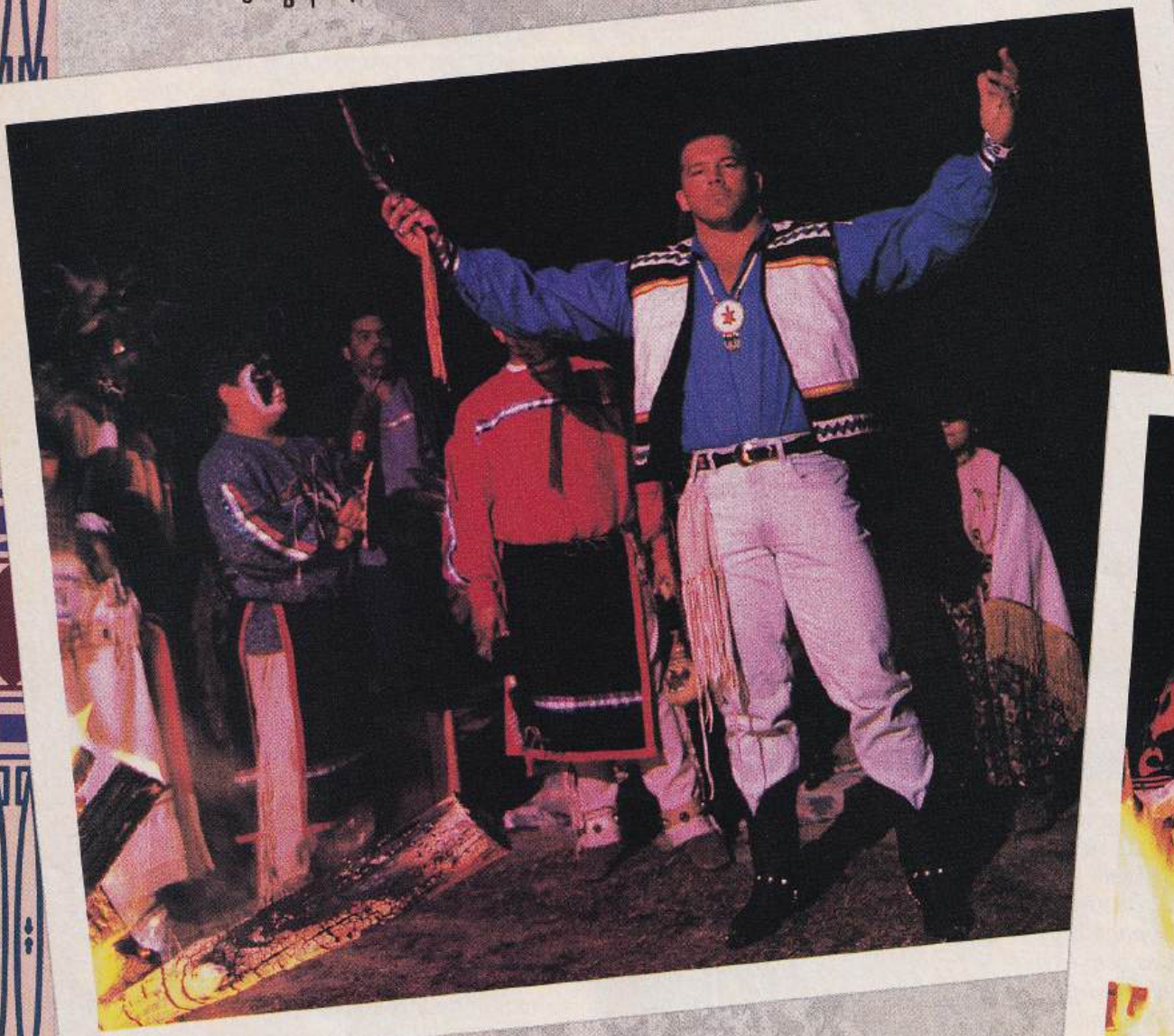
NEW FOUNDATION VS. ORIENT EXPRESS

Following the footsteps of the original Hart Foundation—two-time WWF tag team titlists Bret "Hit Man" Hart and Jim "The Anvil" Neidhart—is a difficult chore at best, but the New Foundation proved worthy of their name in this opening contest. The duo of Neidhart and the Rocket Owen Hart—Bret's younger brother—handily triumphed over the Orient Express, Kato and Tanaka, in the spectacular encounter.

At match's end, Owen Irish-whipped his partner into Kato, knocking him through the ropes. To make sure the Japanese competitor remained there, Anvil next slung the Rocket through the strands onto the hapless form of Kato. The Orient Express soon derailed when the New Foundation splattered them with the Rocket Launcher. Owen scaled the ropes and was then lifted by Neidhart and propelled onto the motionless Tanaka for the win.



TATANKA: LEADER OF THE NEW INDIAN NATION

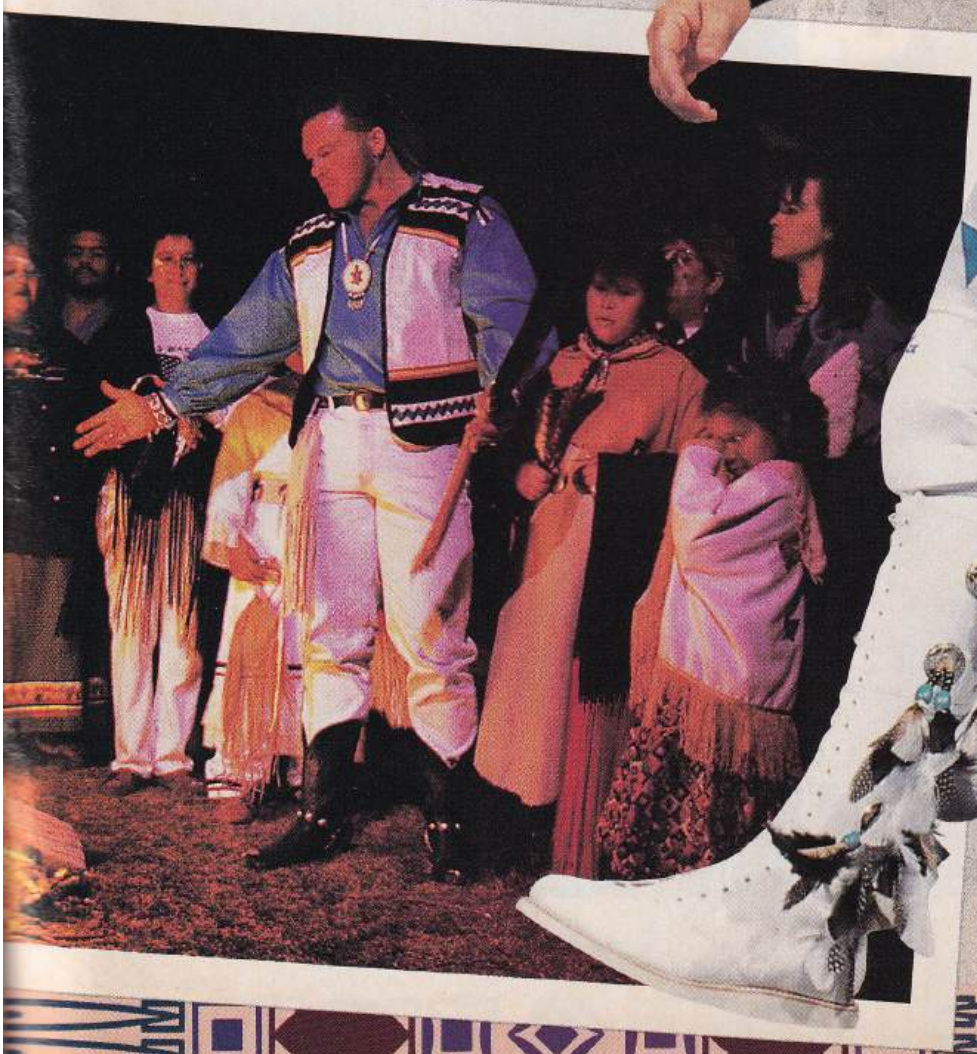


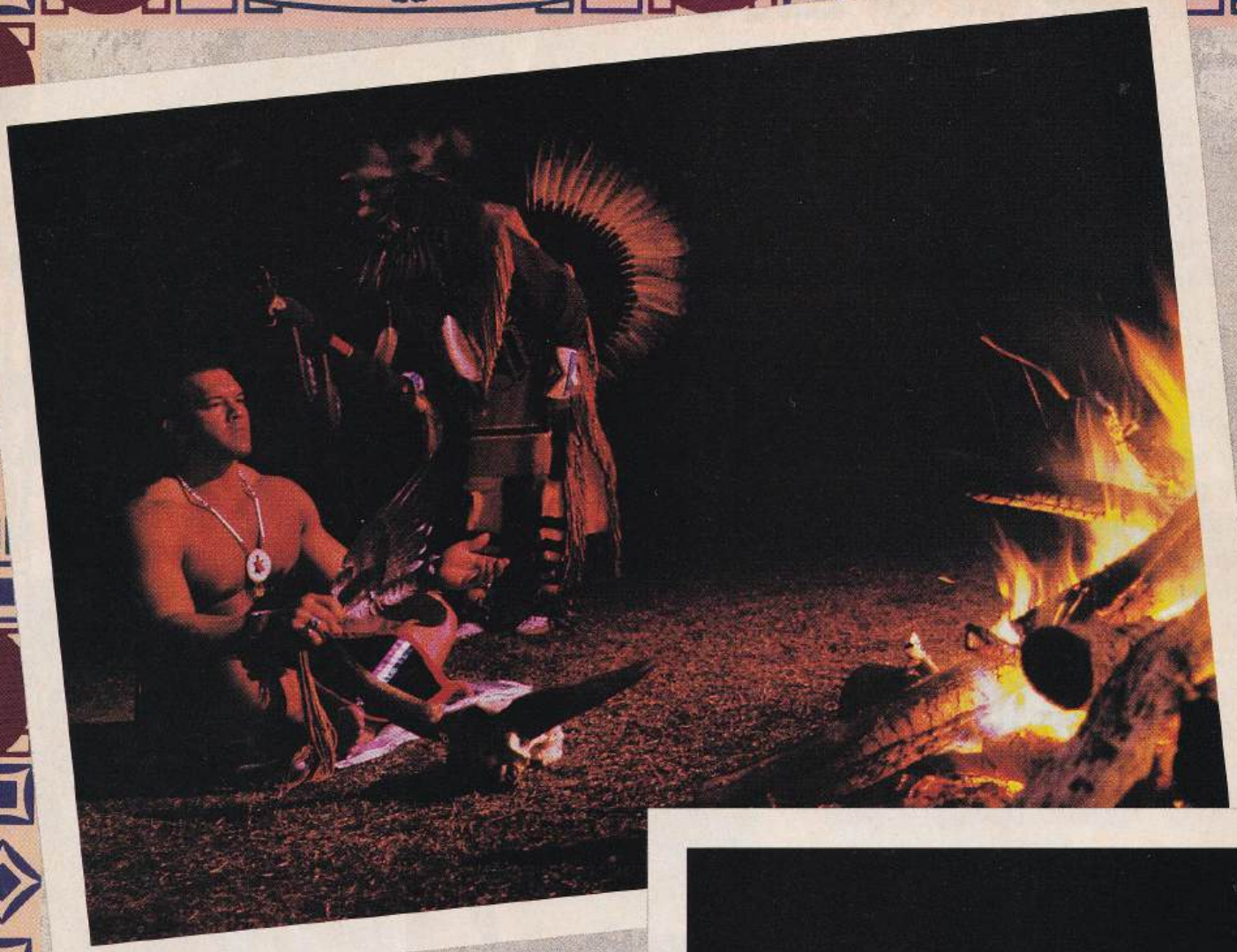
TATANKA IS PROUD OF HIS NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE AND OFTEN PARTICIPATES IN FIRESIDE RITUALS WITH HIS FAMILY AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS.

Tatanka is a full-blooded Native American. This resident of Pembroke, North Carolina, has strong ties to the land. As a boy, he would fish nearby rivers for bass and perch, and he would hunt the fields for deer, as well as quail and other upland fowl.

He realized that taking from the land meant respect for the land. He would only catch what he and his family needed, and he never wasted natural resources. Thus, Tatanka excelled in the outdoors. He also excelled in school, where he was a high school all-American football player and wrestler. He enrolled in college and graduated with honors.

Tatanka hopes to be an inspiration for all Native Americans. "The tribes of all nations are embodied in me," Tatanka says. "The Sioux. The Apache. The Mohegan. I represent all the tribes, and I have hopes that one day in the future I

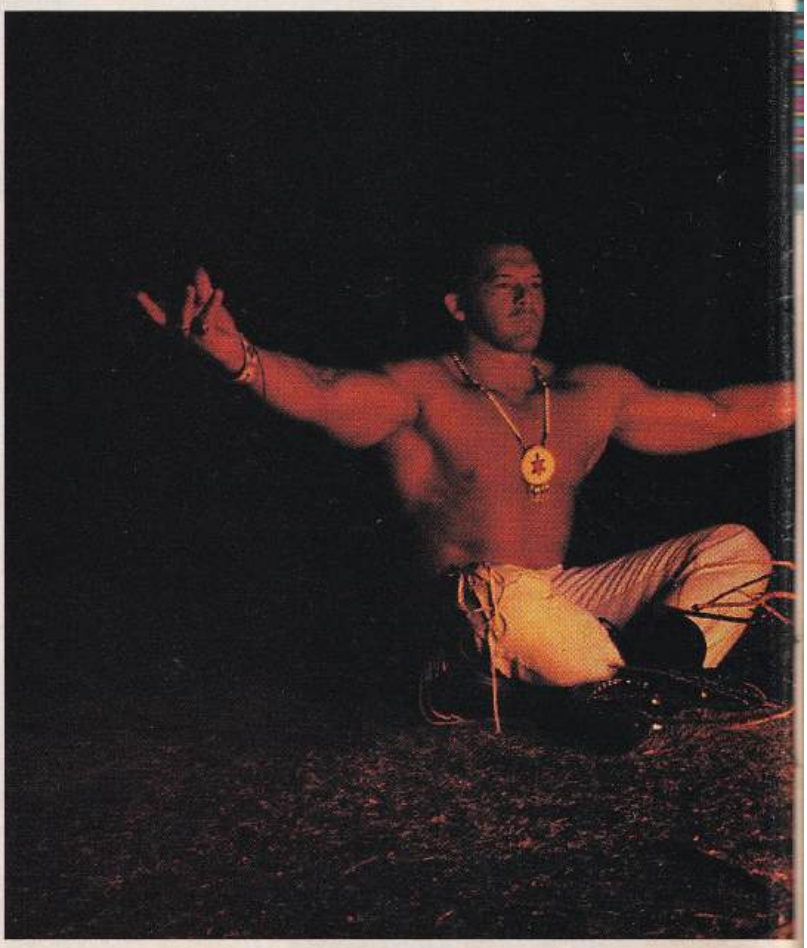


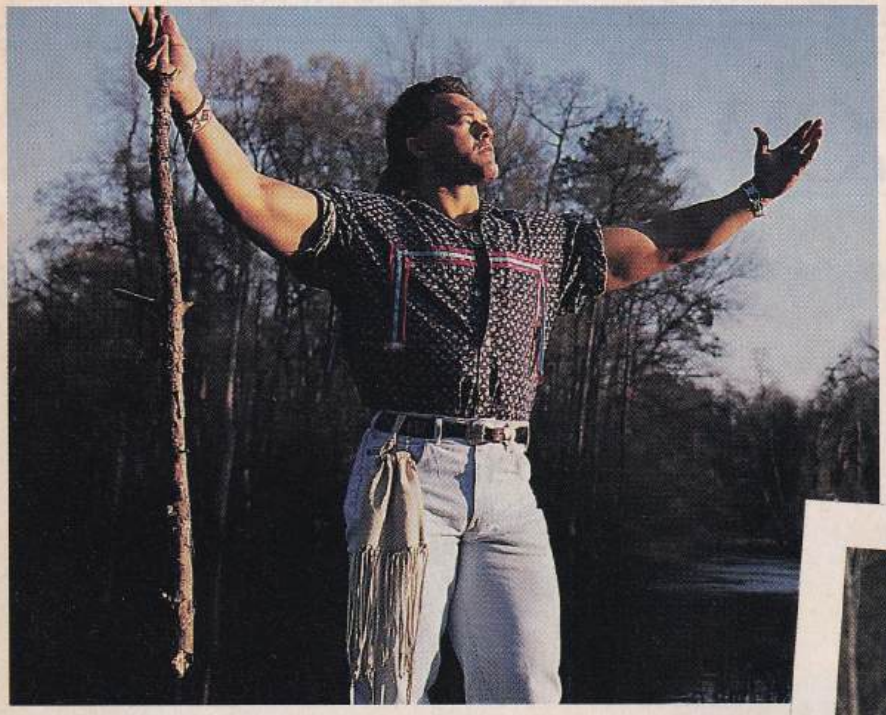


will lead a new Indian nation in the WWF!"

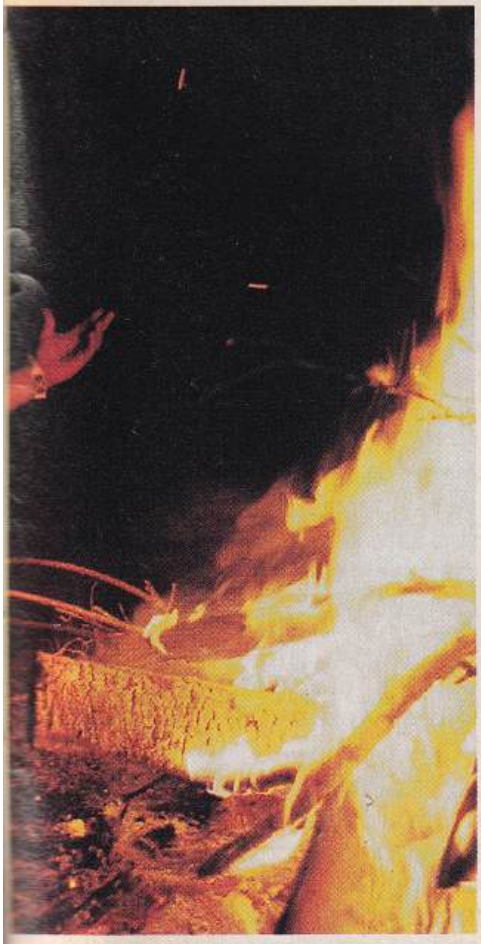
Tatanka certainly has the capability to do so. He's a very energetic individual who possesses the leadership qualities of a modern-day chieftain. He says he will lead his new Indian nation into **WrestleMania VIII,** *Sunday, April 5, in Indianapolis, Indiana. There he will be opposed by the Model.*

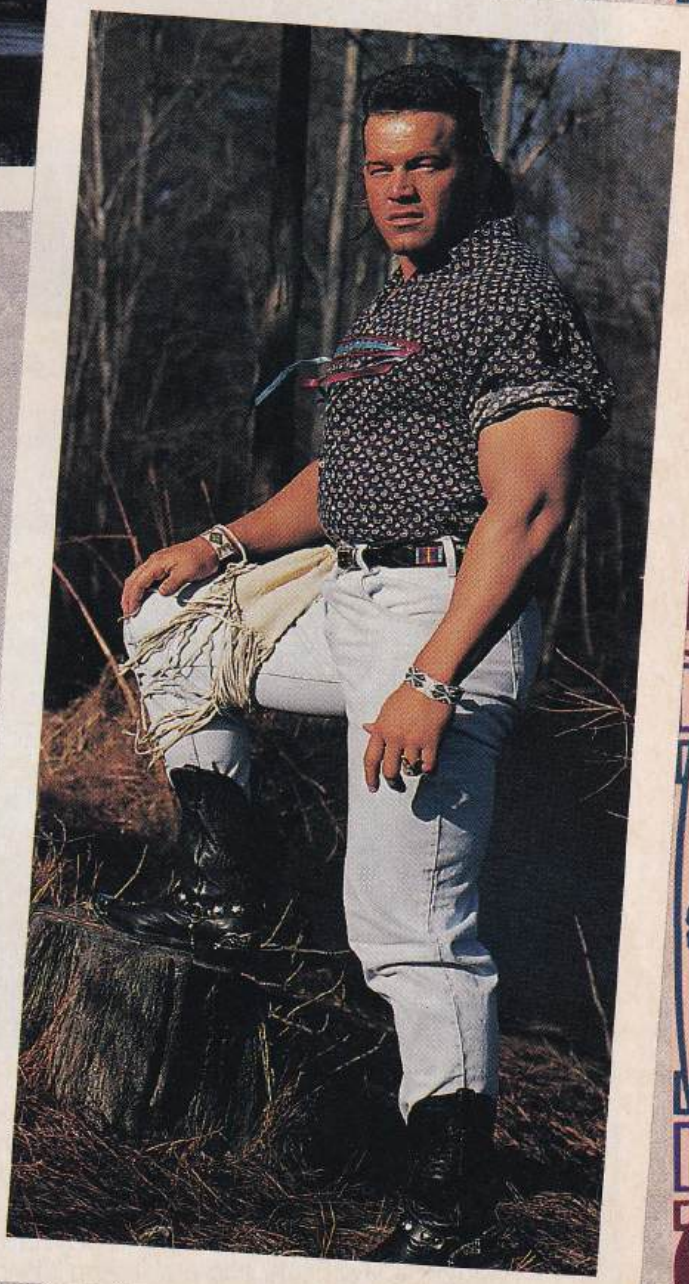
*"***WrestleMania VIII** *will be my battleground, for myself and for the new Indian nation. I will be victorious, and I will dedicate my victory to all Native Americans of all tribes."* WF





WHEN HE'S AWAY FROM THE RIGORS OF THE RING, TATANKA SPENDS MOST OF HIS TIME CONVERSING WITH ELDER TRIBESPEOPLE. HE ABSORBS THEIR WISDOM AND PASSES IT ON TO THE YOUNGSTERS IN HIS NEW INDIAN NATION.





Lowdown

Papa Shango, WWF newcomer, promises to be a fearsome force in the weeks and months to come.

Papa Shango Arrives

Mysterious newcomer Papa Shango is a practitioner of voodoo who uses his dark sorcery for ill purposes. Over the last few months, Shango has appeared on WWF Television performing voodoo rituals in his oumphor, or voodoo temple.

Lowdown has discovered that this massive, tattoo-riddled 320-pounder has allegedly concocted several spellbinding potions. According to *Lowdown*'s sources, Papa Shango plans to use these potions to help him destroy his opponents in the World Wrestling Federation.

Several weeks ago, *Lowdown* had a chance to speak with Shango. He told us quite a bit about himself, including his plans for advancing in the WWF.

"Ha, ha, ha," Shango heartily laughed. "By thy power—Master of the Crossroads—this is a time for blood, Ybo. It is I, Ybo, I Papa Shango. And I will carry out your wishes when I wrestle the superstars here in the World Wrestling Federation."

Ybo, pronounced *ee-bo*, is one of the voodoo gods to whom Papa Shango prays.

The British Bulldog

Like many other WWF superstars, the British Bulldog has been keeping his eyes on the World Bodybuilding Federation. One athlete with whom the Bulldog would like to train, so he says, is the WBF Champion himself, Gary Strydom.

"In the March issue of *WBF: Bodybuilding Lifestyles* magazine," begins the Bulldog, "there was a great article about El Matador working out with Gary. Well, I would really enjoy the chance to throw some iron around with the WBF Champion. I know that I'd enjoy it just as much as I enjoy throwing my opponents around the ring."

by Lou Gianfriddo

The Warlord's New Diet

As everyone undoubtedly knows, the Warlord is one of the most massively muscled contenders in the WWF. He tells *Lowdown* he attributes his awesome size to high-intensity training sessions with maximum weight. He also says he owes a lot of his mass to the new diet that he has been following over the last few months. This eating regimen, contends the Warlord, will pack even more sinew onto his already gargantuan frame.

"Be afraid, be very afraid," the Warlord tells *Lowdown*. "You heard it right: The Warlord's getting even bigger than he is now. That's because I'm training and eating like a madman. I've been taking in massive amounts of protein to feed these muscles. Each day, I consume about two dozen egg whites, seven pounds of lean beef, a dozen or so chicken breasts and five pounds of shark steak. Then, when I'm through devouring all this, I go out and have dinner! And you don't want to know what that consists of."

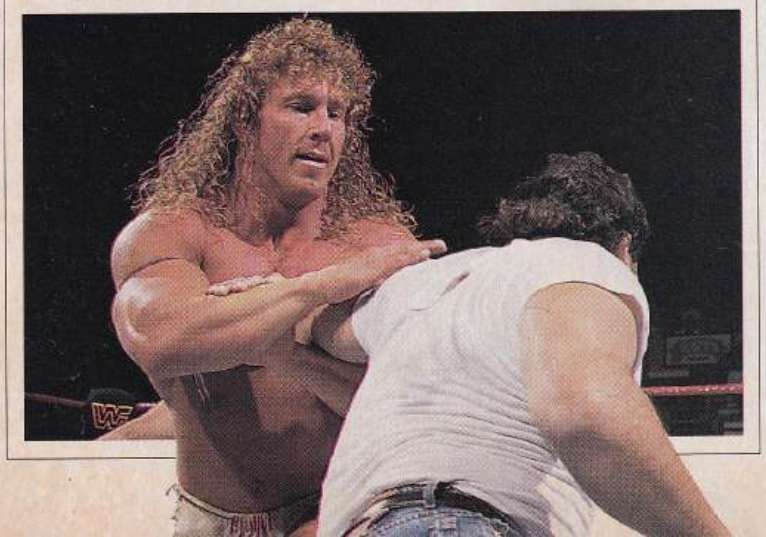
In order to keep up with the Warlord's incredible food intake, his manager, Harvey Wippleman, has reportedly recently been seen shopping at major supermarket chains throughout the country with a pickup truck to carry home his purchases.

Chris Walker

Newcomer Chris Walker has been turning many heads. This shouldn't come as a surprise, because Walker is an incredible physical specimen who can move around the squared circle with the mobility of a panther. He informs *Lowdown* that he's eager for competition in the World Wrestling Federation.

"Only the best wrestlers are in the WWF," he says. "I'm privileged to be here, and I'm willing to give 100 percent every time I get in the ring."

Walker will have to do just that plus a little bit more if he plans to succeed in the ranks of the WWF.



The Phoenix Vince Comerford's WrestleMania Picks

WBF Superstar the Phoenix Vince Comerford has been keeping his eyes glued to the WWF Television Network over the last several weeks. He tells *Lowdown* he is eagerly anticipating *WrestleMania VIII*, which, he adds, he will watch on pay-per-view television at his home near Phoenix, Arizona.

The Phoenix feels that Bret "Hit Man" Hart will regain his Intercontinental Championship when he faces Champion Roddy Piper at *WrestleMania VIII*.

"I've been following the Hit Man's career for a while," says the Phoenix. "He's a tremendous athlete. Likewise, Roddy Piper is a world-class athlete. However, in my book nobody matches up to the Hit Man. I'll be watching him compete at *WrestleMania* when I tune in on pay-per-view."

The world will be able to watch Vince Comerford and 13 other WBF Superstars compete when they take to the stage at the second WBF Championship, which is slated for June 13, 1992, in Long Beach, California.

VIEWPOINT

By Repo Man

You know, I just love my line of work. Yeah, where else can you repossess things whenever the feeling strikes you and beat up anybody who tries to stop you? Just look at my case history.

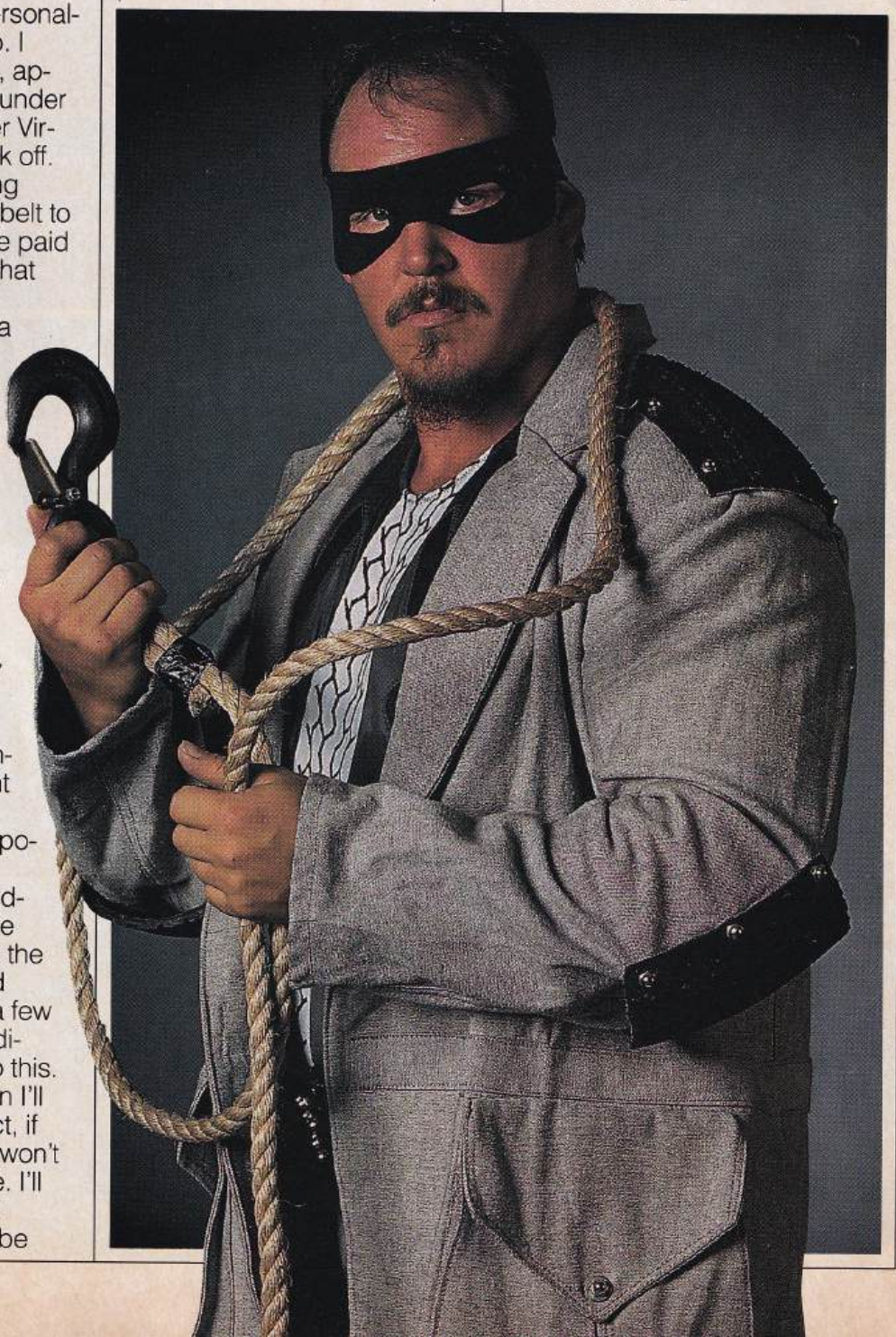
Everybody saw how I repossessed Ted DiBiase's Million Dollar Belt from Virgil. Personally, I think I did a great job. I walked down to ringside, appraised the belt, stuck it under my jacket, bopped it over Virgil's noggin and then took off. When I got to the dressing room, I handed over the belt to the Million Dollar Man. He paid me for my services and that was that—a done deal.

Then Virgil requested a match with me, the Repo Man. That was a mistake. You see, people, Virgil got me a little mad. And when the Repo Man gets a little mad, he looks for more significant things to repossess. So I decided to repossess Virgil's career. And I think I did a good job at it, wouldn't you say that I did, folks?

This time of year, I'm looking around to see other things that I might want to repossess. Take the Hoosier Dome in Indianapolis, for instance, where *WrestleMania VIII* is scheduled to go down. Well, I've heard some things about the Hoosier Dome. I've heard that they're past due on a few bills. So, when I get to Indianapolis, I might look into this. I'll talk to people, and then I'll repossess the joint. In fact, if somebody ticks me off, I won't stop at the Hoosier Dome. I'll repossess the whole city!

And you people won't be able to do a thing about it. You'll be watching Repo Man do his best work at *WrestleMania VIII* on pay-per-view. Hey, speaking about pay-per-view, I've got another bright idea. I wonder if your television sets are paid for. You know, after you see me repossess the Hoosier Dome, I just might come over to your house and repossess your stinking TV sets! As the saying goes, what's mine is mine.

What's yours is mine, too! I know that you don't like to hear that, but the Repo Man doesn't care, because I just love my line of work. WF



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WWF CROSSWORD

By Larry Humber

ACROSS

1 Hulk Hogan hails from _____ Beach, California (6)

4 Ill will (6)

9 Hawk and Animal's hometown (7)

10 Loafs (5)

11 Perfect (5)

12 He polishes off his opponents with the Gatorbreaker (7)

13 According to *Superstars VI,* the Bushwhackers are known for their _____ and crazy antics, in and out of the ring (4)

15 Kato wears one even in the ring (4)

18 Hacksaw Jim Duggan has vowed always to stand by _____, in good times and in bad (7)

21 Arm length (5)

23 Expect (5)

24 The Beverly Brothers call Shaker _____, Ohio, home (7)

25 Persevere (6)

26 Heaves (6)

DOWN

1 The Undertaker is always in search of another one (6)

2 Uproar (5)

3 Moved on hands and knees (7)

5 Excuse (5)

6 The Netherlands Antilles are _____ in the West Indies (7)

7 Make certain (6)

8 Big _____ Man (4)

14 Where the Berzerker comes from (7)

15 The Orient Express are _____ arts masters (7)

16 Elizabeth's spouse (6)

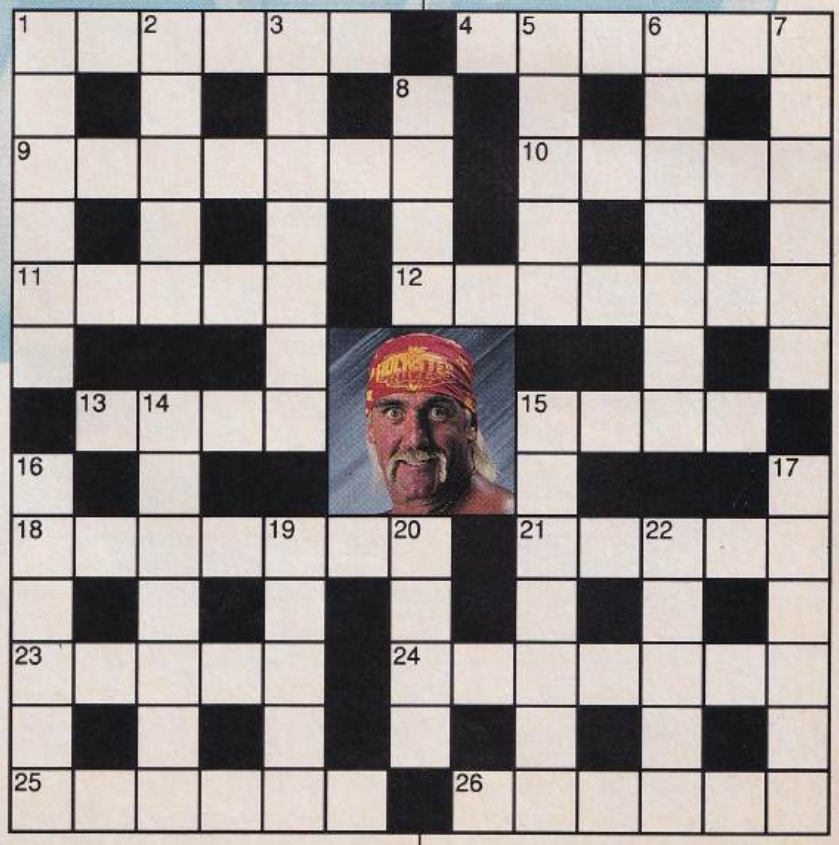
17 Pursues (6)

19 Bret Hart is a former _____continental Champion (5)

20 Be in pain (4)

22 Pale, like Paul Bearer (5)

Answers to this puzzle will be published in the May WWF Magazine *on sale April 14.*



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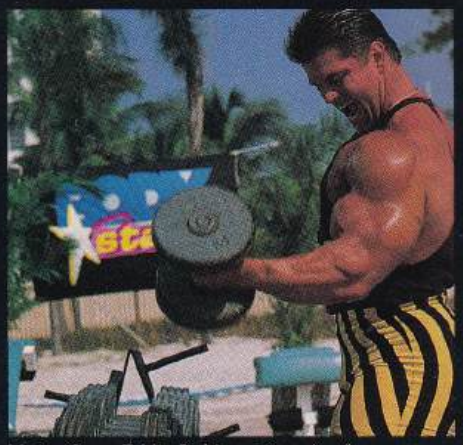

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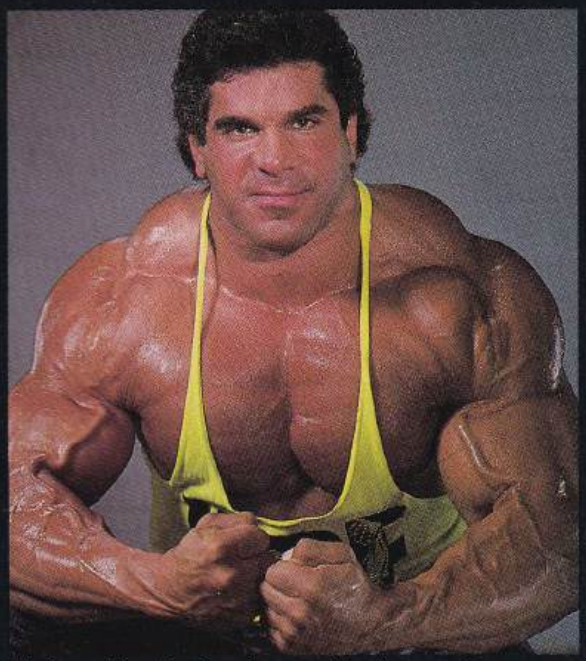

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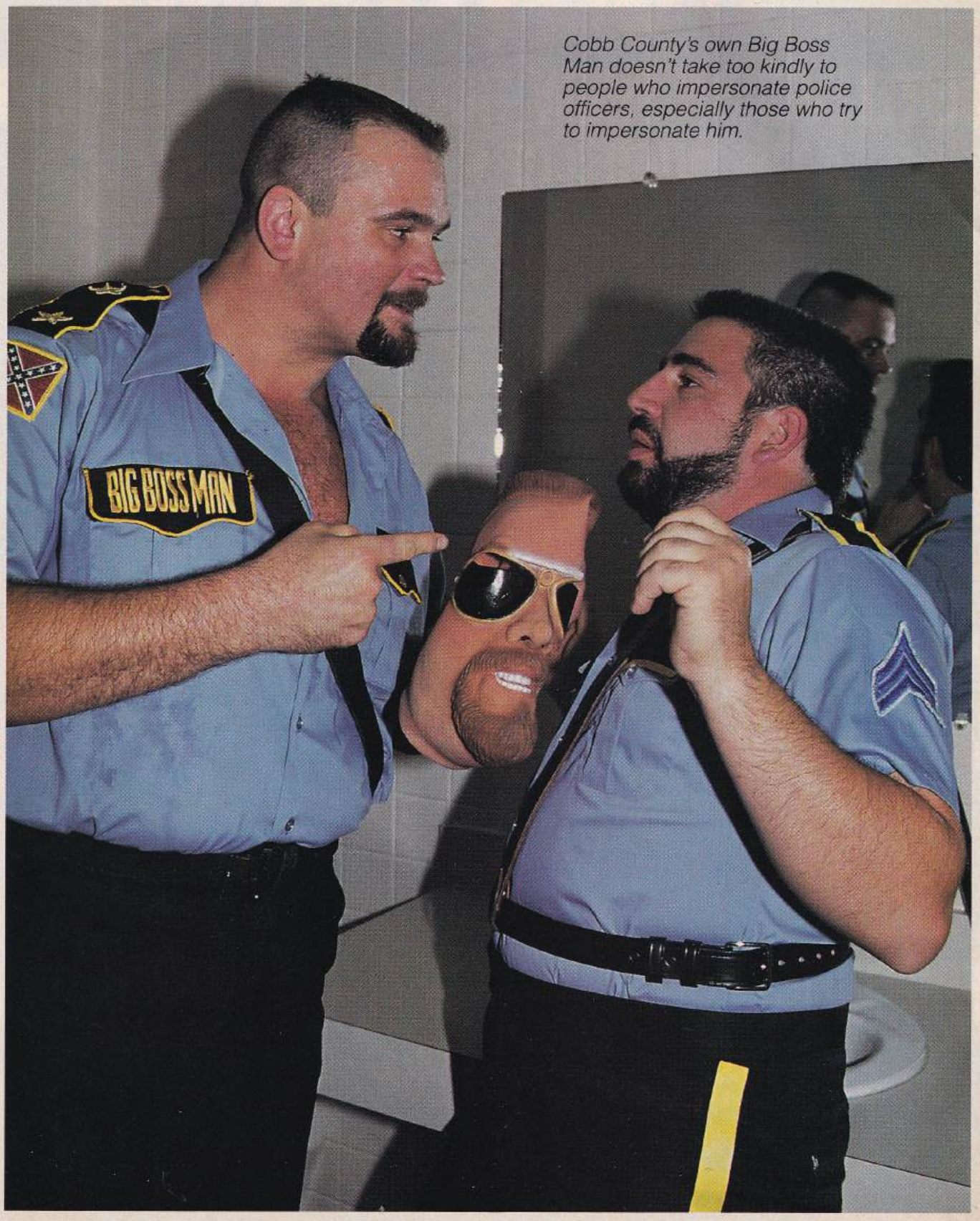

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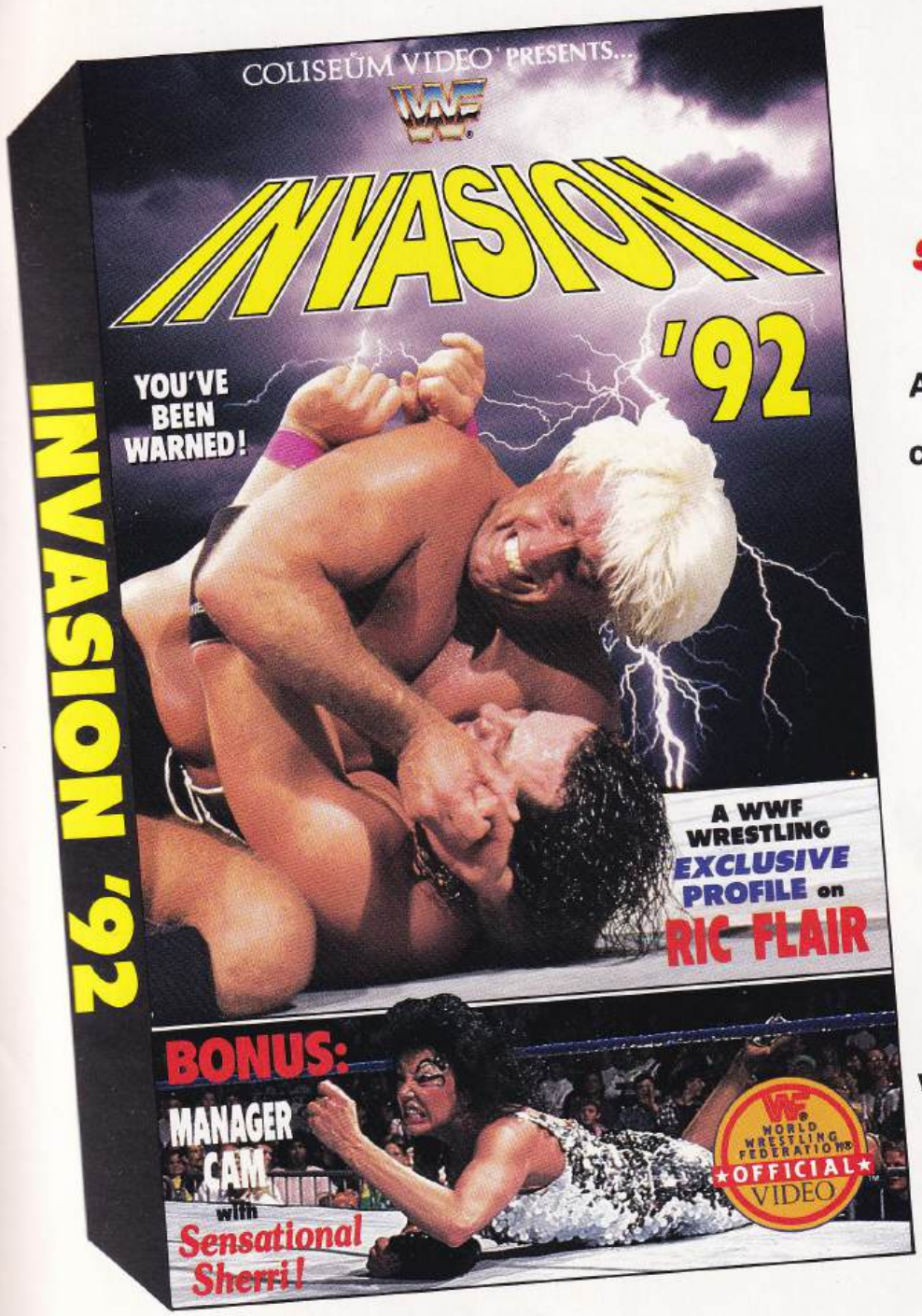

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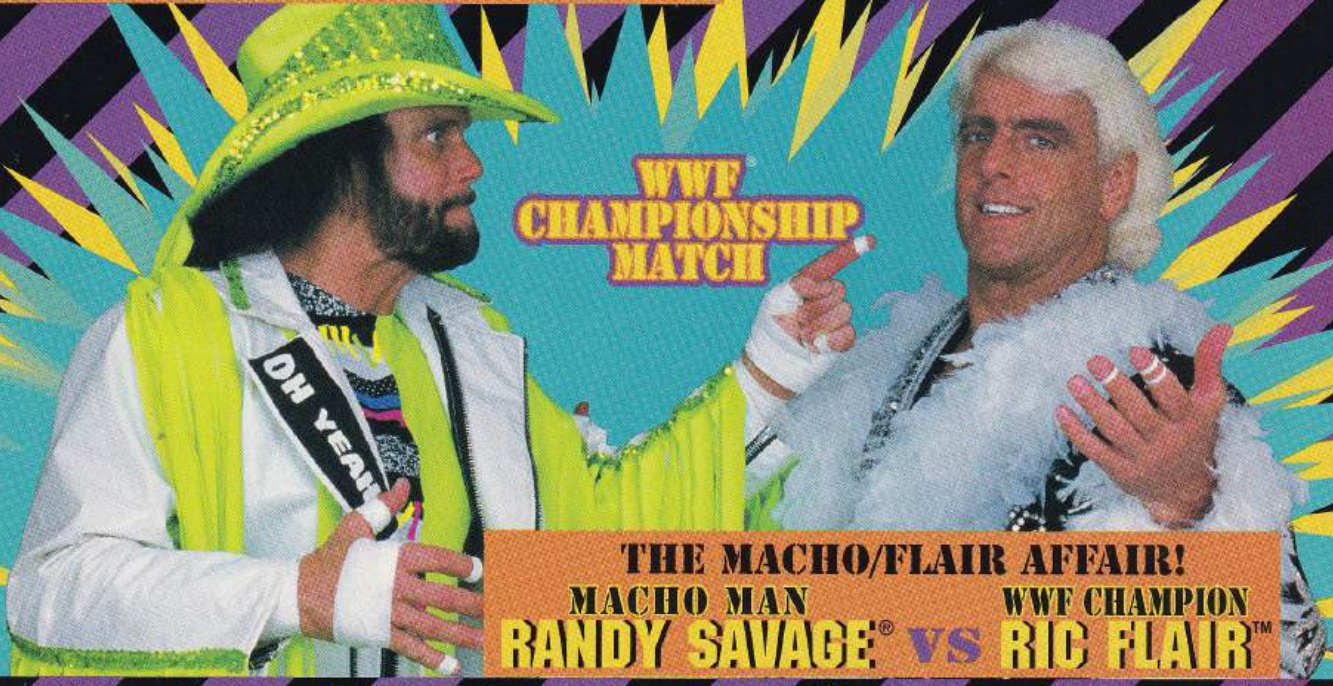

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